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>> IF EVERYONE CAN FIND THEIR  
WAY BACK TO THEIR SEATS, WE'LL  
GET STARTED IN JUST A MINUTE.  
SO WELCOME BACK.  
I HOPE EVERYONE WAS ABLE TO GRAB  
SOME COFFEE.  
I KNOW IT'S THE AFTERNOON, BUT  
WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF EXCITING  
PANELS LEFT, AND I HOPE YOU'RE  
ENJOYING THE PROGRAM SO FAR.  
I'M BEN ROSSEN, I'M AN ATTORNEY  
IN THE DIVISION OF PRIVACY AND  
IDENTITY PROTECTION HERE, AND  
I'M VERY EXCITED TO INTRODUCE  
OUR NEXT PANEL WHICH WILL  
DISCUSS BEST DEFENSE TACTICS  
AGAINST RANSOMWARE.  
SO WITH US TODAY, AND AGAIN I'M  
NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THE FULL

BIO BUT I ENCOURAGED YOU TO LOOK THROUGH THE PAPERS IN FRONT OF YOU.

WE HAVE KEITH McCAMMON, CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER/CO-FOUNDER, RED CANARY, WE SPECIALIZES IN ENDPPOINT SECURITY AND THREAT DETECTION.

WE HAVE LORRIE CRANOR, CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST, F.T.C., ON LEAVE FROM CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE IS A PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC POLICY.

WE HAVE BILL WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, SYMANTEC. HE HEADS UP THE NORTON CYBERSECURITY INSTITUTE THERE.

AND WE HAVE CHAD WILSON, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SECURITY, CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HE LEADS THE HOSPITAL'S NETWORKS  
CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY AND  
IMPLEMENTATION.

SO I'M REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE  
THIS PANEL BACK WITH US TODAY  
AND HOPE THIS WILL BE AN  
INTERESTING PANEL.

SO TO GET STARTED, THE GOAL WITH  
THIS IS TO KEEP THIS  
CONVERSATIONAL, AND I DO  
ENCOURAGE YOU, IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS, PLEASE FILL OUT  
COMMENT CARDS AND PASS THEM OUT.

WE'LL TRY TO GET TO THEM AT THE  
END OF THE SESSION.

EARLIER TODAY, WE'VE HEARD A LOT  
OF DOOM AND GLOOM AND RANSOMWARE  
AND HOW PREVALENT IT IS AND HOW  
QUICKLY IT'S GROWN.

BUT I'M HOPING THERE IS POSITIVE  
LIGHT WE CAN SHED DURING THIS  
PANEL.

I'M HOPING TO TALK ABOUT

PREVENTION AND SPECIFICALLY  
WHETHER THERE ARE ANY STEPS THAT  
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY CAN TAKE  
TO PREVENT ATTACKS, AND WE'LL  
TALK ABOUT CONSUMERS NEXT, BUT  
THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO START.  
SO, KEITH, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO  
YOU.

>> YEP, SURE.

APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY AND  
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.  
SO ONE OF THE WORDS THAT'S  
CONTINUED TO COME UP TODAY AS WE  
WERE TALKING EARLIER AS A PANEL  
ABOUT SOME OF THE THEMES WE  
WANTED TO HIT, HYGIENE IS THE  
THING THAT CONTINUES TO COME UP  
AND I THINK WE'LL PROBABLY SEE  
THAT BLEED OVER, YOU KNOW,  
WHETHER THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT  
BUSINESSES OR CONSUMERS.  
THAT'S A BIG PART OF IT.  
WHEN IT COMES TO RANSOMWARE,

WHICH IS THIS KIND OF HYBRID  
TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEM, IT  
REALLY IS EQUAL PARTS HYGIENE ON  
THE PART OF IN TERMS OF  
AWARENESS, ONGOING EDUCATION AND  
SOME OF THAT CAN BE, YOU KNOW,  
STRICTLY INFORMATION PUSHY  
TECHNOLOGISTS TO CONSUMERS OR  
BUSINESSES.

SOME IS IN THE FORM OF TECHNICAL  
CONTROLS AND THINGS LIKE THAT,  
BUT HYGIENE IN GENERAL THING IS  
PROBABLY, IF I DEPICT ONE -- IF  
I HAD TO PICK ONE THING, YOU  
KNOW, CHECK YOUR E-MAILS, IF YOU  
DON'T EXPECT IT, DON'T OPEN IT.  
TEACH PEOPLE TO LOOK FOR THE  
GREEN BAR AT THE TOP, MAKE SURE  
THE NAME OF THE SITE YOU'RE  
VISITING MATCHES THE NAME YOU  
EXPECT TO SEE.

REALLY BASIC THINGS LIKE THAT.

>> SO, YEAH, IN TALKING ABOUT

HYGIENE, I GUESS HOW WOULD YOU  
BREAK THAT DOWN EVEN FURTHER  
BEYOND JUST CHECKING YOUR EMAIL?  
ARE THERE OTHER ASPECTS IN TERMS  
OF, YOU KNOW, FOING WHAT'S  
CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK AND  
IMPLEMENTING SECURITY STANDARDS  
ON THE BACK END?

ARE THERE STANDARD THINGS YOU  
THINK REALLY SHOULD BE ON THE  
RADAR OF PEOPLE THESE DAYS?

>> YEAH, SURE.

SO FROM A CORPORATE PERSPECTIVE,  
AGAIN, HYGIENE MEANS DIFFERENT  
THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN.  
THAT REGARD, UNDERSTANDING WHAT  
YOU HAVE, WHICH IS JOB ONE, I  
THINK ONE OF THE MOST COMMON  
PROBLEMS WE SEE WHEN WE WALK  
INTO ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY  
LARGE ONES, THEY THINK THEY HAVE  
2000 COMPUTERS, THEY REALLY HAVE  
THREE.

WE'VE SEEN CASES WHERE THEY HAVE  
50, THEY REALLY HAVE 60.

UNDERSTAND WHAT'S THERE AND THE  
SCOPE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY,  
WHICH IS THE BIG PIECE, TOO, SO  
A LOT OF THE PRODUCTS AND A LOT  
OF THE EDUCATION, A LOT OF THE  
TRAINING THAT I THINK INDUSTRIES  
RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS, IT'S  
BEEN REALLY, REALLY FOCUSED ON  
P.C.s.

NOW YOU'VE, YOU KNOW, GOT A  
LARGER MAC POPULATION OUT THERE,  
YOU'VE GOT MULTIPLE DEVICES PER  
USER, SO IT'S GETTING TO BE  
REALLY COMMON.

IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HEAR  
YOUR TAKE ON EDUCATION WHERE YOU  
THINK YOU LOOK AT COLLEGE  
CAMPUSES AND YOU'VE GOT ON  
AVERAGE FOUR TO FIVE DEVICES PER  
STUDENT.

SO FROM AN ORGANIZATIONAL

PERSPECTIVE, TAKE STOCK OF THE SCOPE OF YOUR EXPOSURE, UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE GOT, UNDERSTAND WHAT CONTROLS YOU CAN AND CAN'T PUT IN PLACE AND BE REALLY VIGILANT ABOUT ITEMIZING THOSE THINGS, RESEARCHING THOSE RISKS AND MITIGATING WHAT YOU CAN AND EDUCATING WHERE YOU CAN TO TECHNICALLY PREVENT.

>> JUMPING IN HERE.

IT'S REALLY HARD TO OVERSTATE THE NECESSITY OF GOOD CYBER HYGIENE.

AT LEAST ON THE DATA BREACH SIDE, ONLINE TRUST ALLIANCE PUT OUT A STUDY ABOUT A YEAR AGO THAT SAID ABOUT 90% OF ALL BREACHES COULD BE SOLVED BY SOME PRETTY BASIC CYBER HYGIENE, SO THAT'S A PRETTY INCREDIBLE STAT. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT, AT LEAST WITH



RANSOMWARE, ONCE YOUR DATA IS ENCRYPTED, IT'S PRETTY NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO GET BACK, SO THE FOCUS REALLY NEEDS TO BE ON THE PREVENTION SIDE.

SO USING ALL OF THOSE TECHNOLOGIES AT YOUR ENDPOINT SECURITY PRODUCT HAS, SO EMAIL SECURITY, INCLUDING AUTHENTICATION POSSIBLY OF INBOUND, INTRUSION PREVENTION, WEB BROWSER PROTECTION, EXPLOIT PROTECTION, PATCH, PATCH, PATCH. YOU KNOW, GET THE EASY ONES OFF THE TABLE.

TRY TO COVER THOSE VULNERABILITIES, THE KNOWN VULNERABILITIES.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT HAS TO BE TO TRAIN THE END USERS.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE END USERS ARE GETTING FOOLED BY THE SAME SORT OF SOCIAL ENGINEERING

PHISHING ATTACKS.

ALWAYS HAVE BACKUP IN PLACE.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT 15  
TIMES TODAY.

>> YEAH.

I WOULD ONLY ADD TO THAT, IT'S A  
TECHNICAL PROBLEM.

THEY'RE ATTACKING US  
TECHNICALLY.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT  
YOU CAN DO FROM A PREVENTION  
PERSPECTIVE BY INVESTING IN  
TECHNOLOGY THAT ACTUALLY DOES  
SOME OF THAT HYGIENE UP FRONT  
FOR YOU.

SO THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO  
THAT DON'T EVEN ALLOW THE USE  
TORE SEE AN INVOICE .PDF, THAT  
THEY'RE NOT IN FINANCE, THEY  
SHOULD NEVER BE GETTING THOSE.  
SO UNDERSTANDING YOUR BUSINESS  
AND MARRYING THAT WITH SOME OF  
YOUR TECHNICAL CONTROLS WOULD

REALLY HELP DO SOME OF THAT  
HYGIENE UP FRONT AND REMOVE A  
GOOD SECTION OR A GOOD  
PERCENTAGE OF WHAT THAT THREAT  
IS BEFORE IT EVEN GETS IN, AND  
THEN YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, I  
DON'T CARE, WELL, IF I HAVE  
INVESTED X IN PREVENTION, WHAT  
DO I HAVE TO INVEST IN INCIDENT  
RESPONSE AND BEING ABLE TO KNOW  
AND MEASURE WHAT MY ACTUAL  
RESPONSE HAS TO BE AND WHAT I  
HAVE TO DO TO RESPOND TO AN  
INCIDENT, WHETHER THAT'S RESTORE  
BACKUPS, TIME IT TAKES TO DO  
THAT OR JUST WIPE THE DEVICE AND  
KEEP ON MOVING.

>> SO, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE  
THINGS I'M CURIOUS ABOUT, WE'VE  
HEARD A LOT ABOUT -- RANSOMWARE  
ITSELF IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM.  
OBVIOUSLY, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
FACING MALWARE FOR A LONG TIME.

IS THIS ANY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER  
MALWARE OR ARE YOU REALLY  
APPLYING THE SAME BASIC  
TECHNIQUES TO MALWARE AS THE  
RANSOMWARE THREAT?

>> WELL, I THINK, WHILE THERE  
ARE DEFINITELY SOME THINGS THAT  
ARE DIFFERENT ABOUT IT AS FAR AS  
THE CONSEQUENCES, AS FAR AS HOW  
DO WE TRAIN PEOPLE TO AVOID IT,  
I THINK IT'S A LOT OF THE SAME  
SORTS OF THINGS.

SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN  
TRYING TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO AVOID  
PHISHING ATTACKS AND MALWARE FOR  
15 YEARS NOW AND I THINK IT'S  
PRETTY MUCH THE SAME KIND OF  
THINGS WE WANT TO TEACH THEM.  
THERE IS THE ASPECT OF, HEY, YOU  
COULD LOSE ALL YOUR FILES, WHICH  
IN SOME WAYS MAY BE EVEN A  
SCARIER CONSEQUENCE TO PEOPLE.  
SO I THINK IT'S WORTH TALKING

ABOUT THAT AND HOPEFULLY RAISING  
PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN DOING  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE, YOU  
KNOW, THEY DON'T WANT THAT  
CONSEQUENCE.

>> WHEN YOU ASK ABOUT THE  
SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES OR WHETHER  
IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THINGS WE'VE  
SEEN IN THE PAST, IF YOU WATCH  
THE PRESENTATIONS EARLIER, THE  
MOST INTERESTING THING IS YOU  
CAN KIND OF DRAW A LINE DOWN THE  
MIDDLE AND DIFFERENTIATE  
INFECTION VECTORS FROM PAY  
LOADS.

SO RANSOMWARE, JUST A NEW PAY  
LOAD.

IT HAPPENS TO BE THE ONE WHERE  
THERE IS A STRONG FINANCIAL  
INCENTIVE SO WE'RE SEEING A LOT  
OF VELOCITY BEHIND IT.

THE INFECTION VERDICT SIDE  
HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

I SHOULDN'T SAY THAT.

IT CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, SO THERE  
IS CAT AND MOUSE BETWEEN THREAT  
ACTORS, TECHNICAL DEFENDERS,  
YOUER OF EDUCATION.

SO BAD EMAIL, BAD WEB SITE.

THAT'S THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY  
OF IT.

YOU HAVE A SLIVER OF RISK  
ASSOCIATED WITH THINGS LIKE  
REMOVAL MEDIA, BUT THAT IS  
REALLY A ROUNDING ERROR, WHEN  
YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON  
RELATED TO RRMDZ AND THE OTHER  
CRIMEWARE THREATS -- RELATED TO  
RANSOMWARE AND THE OTHER  
CRIMEWARE THREATS.

SO IT'S MORE EVOLUTIONARY RATHER  
I DON'T THINK WE'RE ADVISING  
PEOPLE TO DO ANYTHING NEW, WITH  
THE EXCEPTION OF PROBABLY  
INCREASED FOCUS ON BACKUPS  
BECAUSE DATA LOSS IS A NEW

PROBLEM AND IT USED TO BE A  
BUSINESS CONTINUITY PROBLEM AND  
NOW IT'S A CONSUMER PROBLEM.  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DATA  
LOSS ASPECT, THE RANSOMWARE, THE  
VECTORS HAVEN'T CHANGED, THE PAY  
LOADS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE, BUT  
THEY'RE NOT EVOLVING SO FAST  
THAT WE'RE HAVING TO COME UP  
WITH NEW WAYS TO TRAIN PEOPLE OR  
EVEN NECESSARILY COMING UP WITH  
A LOT OF NEW TECHNICAL DEFENSES.  
THEY'RE EVOLVING ALONG WITH IT.  
WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING  
REVOLUTIONARY TO PREVENT IT.  
WE NEED TO EXECUTE ON THE THINGS  
WE HAVE BEEN ASKING PEOPLE TO DO  
FOR A LONG TIME.

>> ONE VERY OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN MALWARE AND RANSOMWARE  
AND PERHAPS THE SILVER LINING  
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS RANSOMWARE  
LETS YOU KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN

INFECTED UNLIKE TRADITIONAL  
MALWARE.

SO THERE IS YOUR SILVER LINING.

>> LET'S TALK A LITTLE MORE

ABOUT BACKUPS BECAUSE THAT'S  
PROBABLY THE IF YOU REMEMBER ONE  
QUESTION WE'VE GOTTEN.

IS THERE ANYTHING PEOPLE SHOULD  
KNOW ABOUT HOW TO BACKUP  
EFFECTIVELY AND HOW TO BE ABLE  
TO RELY ON YOUR BACKUPS SO IF  
YOU GET HIT WITH RANSOMWARE, YOU  
DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

IF HE NEEDS A PAY, FALL BACK ON  
RELIABLE BACKUPS.

BUT ARE THERE ISSUE WITH A  
VARIANT THAT WILL LIE IN WAIT  
AND CREEP INTO YOUR BACKUPS OVER  
TIME?

WHAT STEPS DO PEOPLE NEED TO  
TAKE TO BE IN POSITION OR DO  
THEY JUST FALL BACK?

>> FROM A BACKUP PERSPECTIVE,



YOU HAVE TO BACKUP ON A ROUTINE  
SCHEDULE SO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR  
LAST BACKUP IS THAT YOU CAN  
REVERT BACK TO.

BUT YOU ALSO HAVE TO KNOW WHAT  
DATA IS IMPORTANT TO BACK UP.  
NOT EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE  
BACKED UP.

IT ONLY NEEDS TO BE BACKED UP IF  
IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, YOUR  
BUSINESS OR WHERE YOU'RE HEADED  
WITH A PARTICULAR PROJECT OR  
WHAT YOU'RE WORKING ON.

AND THERE IS MULTIPLE DIFFERENT  
WAYS THAT YOU CAN BACK UP,  
WHETHER THAT'S OVER THE NETWORK,  
THE WEB, CLOUD.

BUT I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT  
THING IS UNDERSTANDING YOUR  
BUSINESS.

IT STARTS WITH THE BUSINESS.

THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE  
INTERRUPTING.

THEY'RE TRYING TO HOLD THE DATA  
HOSTAGE, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
YOU AND IMPORTANT TO YOUR  
BUSINESS.

THAT'S WHERE THE INCENTIVE COMES  
FROM.

AND IF YOU MAKE SURE THAT THAT  
IS -- THAT RISK IS MITIGATED  
WITH GOOD BACKUP METHODOLOGIES,  
YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY THAT  
INCENTIVE.

>> I AGREE BACKUP IS ABSOLUTELY  
CRUCIAL.

I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SEE IT AS  
A COMPLETE PANACEA.

THERE ARE CHALLENGES WITH ANY  
SORT OF BACKUP STRATEGY.

SPECIFIC TO RANSOMWARE, AT  
LEAST, WE ARE SEEING ATTACKERS  
GOING AFTER THE BACKUP AND WE  
EXPECT THAT TREND TO KIND OF  
CONTINUE.

MORE AND MORE OF THESE THREATS

WILL ADD SOMETHING TO THE CODE L  
ADD SOMETHING TO HELP SORT OF  
DISRUPT YOUR ABILITY TO RECOVER  
VIA YOUR BACKUP, AND THAT'S KIND  
OF WHERE WE SEE THIS GOING IN  
THE FUTURE.

>> SO HOW ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY  
OF RANSOMWARE GOING INTO THE  
CLOUD?

THAT WAS ONE THING THAT WE HEARD  
A QUESTION ABOUT EARLIER.

YOU KNOW, FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE,  
ESPECIALLY CONSUMERS WHO MAY  
JUST RELY ON DROP BOX OR GOOGLE  
DRIVE TO KEEP THEIR DOCUMENTS  
SAFE, IS THAT SOMETHING PEOPLE  
NEED TO WORRY ABOUT OR ARE THERE  
OTHER STEPS PEOPLE SHOULD BE  
TAKEN?

>> I'LL TAKE A STAB AT IT.

SO I THINK SOME OF THE  
DISCUSSION EARLIER ABOUT BACKUPS  
WAS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO HOW

EASY IT IS TO ACCESS THEM.

IF YOU CAN OPEN YOUR COMPUTER  
AND GET TO ALL OF YOUR BACKUP  
FILES RIGHT NOW, THEY PROBABLY  
WON'T BE OF MUCH USE TO YOU  
BECAUSE MALWARE AND RANSOMWARE  
IN PARTICULAR CAN ACCESS THEM,  
TOO.

SO IF YOU START THERE, GETTING  
THEM OFF YOUR COMPUTER TO  
SOMEPLACE ELSE THAT'S NOT  
CONNECTED AS A DRIVE AND READILY  
ACCESSIBLE TO ANY PERSON OR  
THING THAT USES YOUR COMPUTERS  
WILL HELP.

IT'S AN ADVANTAGE.

SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE  
CLOUD-BASED BACKUPS, THE CLOUD  
PROVIDERS KIND OF HAVE THE SAME  
ADVANTAGE ALL THE BIG SASS  
OFFERINGS DO.

THE ADVANTAGE OF A SASS IS THEY  
CAN BE REALLY GOOD AT ONE THING

AND IF THEY IDENTIFY A THREAT,  
TAKE GOOGLE FOR EXAMPLE, JUST  
PICKING THEM OUT, BUT THEY'RE  
AWARE IT'S A THREAT, THEY CAN --  
THEY'VE GOT THE RESOURCES TO  
FIGURE OUT THOUSAND MITIGATE  
THAT FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS.  
THEY ONLY HAVE TO MITIGATE IT  
ONCE AND THEY CAN PROTECT TENS  
AND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF  
PEOPLE.  
SO USING A SOLUTION LIKE THAT,  
PARTICULARLY ON THE CONSUMER  
SIDE, YOU'VE GOT A MUCH GREATER  
CHANCE OF SUCCESS THAN TRYING TO  
GO IT ON YOUR OWN, KEEP ON TOP  
OF ALL THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS,  
KEEP ON TOP OF THE EVOLUTION OF  
MALWARE AND THE NEW AND CLEVER  
WAYS THEY WILL TRY TO GET TO  
YOUR BACKUPS.  
SO IT'S, YOU KNOW, TO KIND OF  
TIE IT BACK TO BUSINESS, IT'S

RISK TRANSFERENCE.

SO YOU CAN TRANSFER SOME OF THAT RISK TO YOUR PROVIDER IN HOPES THEY CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF PROTECTING YOU THAN YOU CAN PROBABLY PROTECT YOURSELF.

>> SO LET'S TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT CONSUMERS, BECAUSE I THINK A LOT OF CONSUMERS WHO ARE SORT OF IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF THIS AND REALLY MIGHT HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO IF THEY GET HIT, YOU KNOW, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BACKUPS, CYBER HYGIENE, BUT AMONG THAT IS THERE ANY ONE SINGLE THING THAT CONSUMERS COULD DO TO HELP PROTECT AGAINST THIS THREAT?

>> WELL, SO I THINK THE FIRST THING IS TO BE AWARE OF IT. I THINK A LOT OF CONSUMERS ARE NOT AWARE.

IN FACT, I WAS TALKING TO SOME

FAMILY MEMBERS YESTERDAY AND  
TELLING THEM I WAS GOING TO BE  
SPEAKING AT THIS WORKSHOP TODAY.  
AND SOME SAID RANSOMWARE, WHAT'S  
THAT?

SO I THINK TO START IS BEING  
AWARE.

BUT THEN I THINK THE THINGS THAT  
WE HAVE BEEN TEACHING TO AVOID  
PHISHING AND MALWARE ABOUT, YOU  
KNOW, BEING CAREFUL ABOUT  
CLICKING ON LINKS, BEING CAREFUL  
ABOUT OPENING ATTACHMENTS, YOU  
KNOW, BEING CAREFUL -- I GUESS  
THE NEWER THING NOW WITH MOBILE  
APPS, WHEN YOU GO TO APP STORES,  
ABOUT WHAT APPS YOU DOWNLOAD.  
SO A LOT OF THOSE TYPES OF CYBER  
HYGIENE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN  
TRYING TO TEACH FOR A WHILE ARE  
REALLY IMPORTANT AND I THINK  
CONSUMERS WHO ARE NOT YET  
FAMILIAR WITH THIS, THERE IS ALL

SORTS OF RESOURCES ONLINE THAT  
HAVE THESE ONLINE SAFETY TIPS  
AND VIDEOS, INCLUDING THEORY AT  
THE F.T.C.'S WEB SITE, BUT THERE  
ARE LOTS OF OTHER GOOD PLACES AS  
WELL.

>> SO ONE QUESTION.

IF YOU'RE A BUSINESS THAT'S  
HOLDING CONSUMER DATA AND AT  
RISK OF RANSOMWARE, TO WHAT  
EXTENT DO YOU ALSO HAVE TO WORRY  
ABOUT RANSOMWARE ACTUALLY  
INFILTRATING THE DATA, STEALING  
THE DATA AS WELL AS JUST LOCKING  
YOU OUT OF IT?

IS THAT A CONCERN?

>> SO I'LL ANSWER THAT.

THE ANSWER IS YES, IT IS A  
CONCERN.

IF YOU'RE HOLDING SENSITIVE DATA  
THAT'S OTHER PEOPLE'S DATA, FOR  
EXAMPLE THE GOVERNMENT HAS MY  
DATA, I HAD A SECURITY CLEARANCE



ONCE, THEN IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT DATA  
STAYS PROTECTED.

YOU HAVE TO BUILD THAT TRUST  
WITH THE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE  
THAT DATA WITH AND THAT YOU'RE  
HOLDING THAT DATA FOR.

SO IF YOU'RE AT RISK OF  
RANSOMWARE OR ANY OTHER MALWARE,  
MEANING YOUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS  
ARE CONNECTED OR THAT DATA IS A  
TARGET, IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE AN  
AIR GAP SYSTEM, MALWARE CAN JUMP  
AIR GAPS AS WELL.

SO YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
YOU'RE DOING THE CYBERHYGIENE,  
YOU'RE DOING THE THINGS  
NECESSARY TO PROTECT THAT DATA  
AND CHECKING IT OFTEN.

YOU HAVE TO KNOW -- ONE OF THE  
THINGS WE FOCUS ON AT CHILDREN'S  
IS IF YOU CAN'T SEE IT, YOU  
CAN'T PROTECT IT.

YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW  
WHERE THE DATA IS, WHAT SYSTEMS  
ARE USED TO ACCESS THE DATA,  
WHO'S ACCESSING IT AND WHAT  
THEY'RE DOING.

THAT'S THE BASICS OF SECURITY.

IF YOU'RE NOT DOING THAT AS A  
BUSINESS, THEN YOU'RE NOT REALLY  
TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO  
RETAIN THAT TRUST AND CONFIDENCE  
OF THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE THE DATA  
FOR.

>> AND THEN IF YOU FIND YOURSELF  
INFECTED, YOU NEED TO DO THE  
BEST YOU CAN TO SORT OF ISOLATE  
THAT COMPUTER BEFORE THE  
RANSOMWARE CAN ATTACK NETWORK  
DRIVES THROUGH THE ACCESS, USE  
YOUR ENDPOINT PROTECTION MANAGER  
TO UPDATE THOSE VIRUS  
DEFINITIONS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE  
AS WELL.

>> IF YOUR DATA IS ENCRYPTED,

ARE YOU BE ABLE TO RELY ON THE  
FACT IT'S ENCRYPTED AND YOU  
DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT?  
DOES THAT HELP?

>> IF IT'S ENCRYPTED AND THEY  
ENCRYPT IT, CAN YOU DECRYPT IT  
AND USE IT?

( LAUGHTER )

YOU STILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE,  
EVEN IF IT'S ENCRYPTED, AND THE  
ENCRYPTION HELPS WITH THE RISK  
OF EXFILTRATION AND BEING ABLE  
TO -- FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY BE  
ABLE TO LEVERAGE THAT DATA  
AGAINST YOU, BUT IF THEY ENCRYPT  
YOUR ENVIPTED DATA, YOU STILL  
CAN'T ACCESS IT.

>> SO, CHAD, YOU IN PARTICULAR  
ARE WORKING IN THE HEALTHCARE  
INDUSTRY WHICH HAS REALLY SEEN  
SO MUCH OF THE RANSOMWARE,  
CERTAINLY THE HIGH-PROFILE  
STUFF.

I'M HOPING YOU CAN SHARE A  
LITTLE BIT OF, YOU KNOW, KIND OF  
WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FROM YOUR END  
AS A SECURITY PROFESSIONAL  
WORKING IN HEALTHCARE THESE DAYS  
AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU GUYS ARE  
SEEING AND TO WHAT EXTENT THAT  
WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING HAS  
BEEN WORKING TO HELP STOP IT.

>> I'LL SUM IT UP IN ONE WORD --

IT'S SCARY.

THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS AND THE  
SOPHISTICATION OF ATTACKS HAS  
REALLY GROWN EXPONENTIALLY OVER  
THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

THERE IS NOT ONE PARTICULAR  
VECTOR THAT THEY'RE USING.

THEY'RE USING MULTIPLE VECTORS  
TO INFECT SYSTEMS.

THEY'RE USING MULTIPLE  
TECHNIQUES TO TRICK OR SOCIAL  
ENGINEER, DOCTORS,  
ADMINISTRATORS, OTHER FOLKS TO

GET ON TO SYSTEMS AND ACCESS  
INFORMATION.

SO IT'S SCARY.

THE CYBER HYGIENE AND PREVENTION  
DOES A LOT TO ELIMINATE THE  
PROBLEM RIGHT UP FRONT.

AND THEN YOU HAVE TO INVEST IN  
INCIDENT RESPONSE AND  
CONTAINMENT AND METHODOLOGIES  
FOR MINIMIZING THE IMPACT WHEN  
SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN.

SO IF YOU END UP WITH A SYSTEM  
THAT -- A LAPTOP THAT GOES HOME  
AND IT'S ENCRYPTED, SO IF IT'S  
STOLEN OUT OF THE BACK OF A  
VEHICLE OR OUT OF THE PERSON'S  
POSSESSION, YOU HAVE SOME SAFE  
HARBOR THERE, THE BAD GUY CAN'T  
ACCESS THE DATA THAT'S ON THAT  
DEVICE.

BUT IF THAT LAPTOP GOES HOME AND  
THEN THAT GETS RANSOMWARE  
BECAUSE IT'S ON A DIFFERENT

NETWORK, IT'S NOT ON YOUR  
NETWORK, THAT DATA THAT'S ON THE  
DEVICE IS EX FILTRATED, THEN YOU  
STILL HAVE A LARGE ISSUE.

SO YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH THE  
DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES, THE  
DIFFERENT PARTNERS ACROSS THE  
SECURITY INDUSTRY AS WELL AS  
MAKING SURE THAT YOUR FOLKS THAT  
ARE REALLY FOCUSED AND DOCTORS  
ARE REALLY FOCUSED ON TAKING  
CARE OF PATIENTS, THAT'S THEIR  
PRIMARY JOB, THAT'S THE ROLE OF  
OUR BUSINESS IS TO TAKE CARE OF  
PEOPLE, NOW THEY HAVE TO LEARN  
THAT BAD PEOPLE ARE AFTER THEM  
AND THEIR INFORMATION AND THEY  
NEED TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE  
OF THEMSELVES.

SO THAT'S EDUCATION DOES GO AA  
LONG WAY. IT'S NOT THE PRIMARY  
CONTROL PER SE BUT IT IS A VERY  
NECESSARY CONTROL WITHIN THE

HEALTHCARE SPACE FOR PROTECTING  
THE ENVIRONMENT.

>> LET ME JUST ADD TO THAT.

I THINK IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING  
SORT OF CASE STUDY WHY  
HEALTHCARE IS BEING TARGETED.

OBVIOUSLY, IT'S  
INFORMATION-RICH, BUT IT'S ALSO  
A VERY HIGH CRITICAL, HIGH  
PRESSURE SITUATION.

PATIENT RECORDS, OBVIOUSLY VERY  
IMPORTANT, IF THOSE GET LOCKED  
UP.

PATIENT TREATMENT COULD LAPSE  
AND ACTUAL LIVES ARE AT STAKE.

IT ADDS THE EXTRA PRESSURE  
ELEMENT TO SUBMIT THAT  
REASONSOME AND I THINK THE  
PSYCHOLOGY OF THAT IS REALLY  
IMPORTANT.

I THINK WE'LL SEE THAT AND MOVE  
INTO OTHER CRITICAL AREAS WHERE  
LIVES COULD BE AT STAKE.

>> AND ALSO WITHIN HEALTHCARE,  
YOU ALSO HAVE THE FINANCIAL  
ASPECT THAT YOU HAVE TO  
CONSIDER.

MOST NON-PROFITS OPERATE WITH 1%  
TO 3% OVERHEAD MARGIN, SO IF YOU  
CAN'T ACCESS THE DATA AND YOU  
CAN'T SEE THE PATIENTS TO TAKE  
CARE OF THEM, IT LIKELY DRUPTS  
YOUR ENTIRE FINANCIAL CHAIN OF  
THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION.

SO IT GOES BACK TO THE  
VIABILITY.

SECURITY IS ESSENTIALLY  
IMPORTANT TO PROTECTING IN  
HEALTHCARE, TO PROTECTING THE  
VIABILITY OF THE BUSINESS AS  
WELL, WHICH IS JUST TAKING CARE  
OF PEOPLE.

THAT'S THE WHOLE FOCUS.

>> IF I COULD.

CHAD AND I WERE TALKING BEFORE  
THIS ABOUT SOME OF THE



CHALLENGES IN HEALTHCARE.

WE DEAL WITH A LOT OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND MY JOB ENDS UP BEING -- OUR STATE AND FUNCTION IS TO DETECT THINGS BUT TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ADVISING CUSTOMERS IN TERMS OF PREVENTION AND AWARENESS.

SO THE HEALTHCARE SIDE IS INTERESTING BECAUSE, AS YOU MENTIONED, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS PRESSURE TO JUST MAKE THE PROBLEM GO AWAY BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM THAT'S GOING TO END UP HURTING YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE LONG TERM.

WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT PREVENTION, PARTICULARLY FROM A CORPORATE STANDPOINT, HEALTH CARE IS INTERESTING IN THAT YOU'RE STARTING TO SEE THEM RESPOND IN THE SAME WAY THE GOVERNMENT'S BEEN RESPONDING TO THINGS FOR A

LONG TIME, AND THESE ARE THINGS  
WE HAVE BEEN PREACHING FOR  
DECADES, WHICH IS ISOLATION OF  
NETWORKS, REDUCTION OF  
PRIVILEGE.

SO WE HAD A CUSTOMER A FEW  
MONTHS AGO TO GET HIT BY A WORM.

THE THING IS RUNNING RAMPANT.

IT ONLY HAS TO GET INTO ONE  
SYSTEM, STARTS RUNNING RAMPANT  
ON ALL THE OTHER SYSTEMS AND  
NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT  
PORTIONS OF A HOSPITAL INFECTED.

HOWEVER, IN THAT CASE, WHAT THE  
MOST INTERESTING THING WAS IT  
ENDED UP BEING -- THEY PREPARED  
WELL.

SO FROM A CORPORATE STANDPOINT,  
THEY HAD GOOD HYGIENE, THEY'D  
TAKEN A LOT OF TIME AND PAIN AND  
MADE BIG INVESTMENTS AND  
PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT, NETWORK  
INFRASTRUCTURE, AND, SO, WHILE

THAT ENDED UP BEING -- IN TERMS  
OF SCOPE AND INFECTION -- MAYBE  
THE SAME NUMBER OF SYSTEMS  
INFECTED THAT YOU SEE IN OTHER  
CASES THAT YOU READ ABOUT IN THE  
NEWS, BUT IT ENDED UP BEING A  
PROBLEM FOR THE I.T. TEAM,  
PEOPLE WORKED LATE, PROBABLY  
WASN'T ENJOYABLE, BUT IT DIDN'T  
DISRUPT HEALTH CARE DELIVERY.  
SO WHEN BUSINESSES TAKE A STEP  
BACK, IDENTIFIED THE THINGS YOU  
NEED TO MAKE MONEY, SAVE LIVES,  
WHATEVER YOUR BUSINESS, IS AND  
THEN YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND  
YOUR RISK, UNDERSTAND YOUR  
VICTIM PROFILE AND THEN YOU KIND  
OF TAKE A STEP BACK FROM THAT  
AND JUST LOOK LOGICALLY AND SAY  
WHAT ARE THE REALLY SIMPLE  
THINGS I CAN DO?  
THEY MIGHT NOT BE CHEAP BUT  
THEY'RE PROBABLY REALLY SIMPLE

TO JUST REDUCE IMPACT AND RISK

OVERALL.

SO THERE IS SO MUCH PRESSURE AND

I'M SURE WE'LL SEE IT IN OTHER

PARTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE

FUTURE.

>> SOUNDS A LITTLE FARFETCHED TO

HEAR BUT DOESN'T TAKE LONG TO

IMAGINE HOW A MOTIVATED CYBER

CRIMINAL COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

OUR ENTRANCE INTO THE INTERNET

OF THINGS, I.O.T. IN PARTICULAR,

MEDICAL DEVICES, LOTS OF

VULNERABILITIES THERE, YOU KNOW,

CYBER CRIMINALS ARE ONLY SORT OF

SLOWED BY THEIR OWN IMAGINATION,

ARE ONLY LIMITED BY THEIR OWN

IMAGINATION.

SO I THINK THIS IS GOING TO

CONTINUE TO BE AN ISSUE,

ESPECIALLY IN HEALTHCARE AND IN

OTHER AREAS.

>> UNFORTUNATELY, YOU'RE

ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

THEY'RE LIMITED BY THEIR OWN  
IMAGINATION BUT IN HEALTHCARE  
WE'RE LIMITED BY OUR VENDORS,  
OUR PARTNERS, AND OFTENTIMES  
MEDICAL DEVICE VENDORS CHARGE TO  
HAVE DEVICES REIMAGED.

SO THERE IS A CHARGE TO HAVE A  
TECHNICIAN COME OUT AND REIMAGE  
THAT MRI CONTROLLER AND PUT IT  
BACK TO F.D.A.-APPROVED  
STANDARDS FOR HAVING SEEN  
PATIENTS.

SO THERE IS COSTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH ALL OF THAT.

SO THEY OFTEN -- WE OFTEN HAVE  
TO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO GET  
INFORMATION FROM A PROVIDER  
PERSPECTIVE TO GET INFORMATION  
FROM OUR MEDICAL DEVICE  
MANUFACTURERS AROUND PROTECTING  
THOSE DEVICES AND WHAT WE CAN  
AND CANNOT DO.

IN THE PAST, HISTORICALLY, UP TO  
TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO, WE WERE  
VERY HAMSTRUNG FROM MEDICAL  
DEVICE MANUFACTURERS NOT REALLY  
PROVIDING UP-FRONT CONTROLS TO  
BE PUT IN PLACE FOR THOSE  
DEVICES TO PROTECT THEM.

YEAH.

>> WE HAD TO GO ASK VERY  
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

WHAT DOES THAT MODALITY NEED TO  
DO TO TALK TO THE JOB WITHIN THE  
HOSPITAL.

WHAT OTHER MODALITIES DOES IT  
NEED TO TALK TO?

WHEN I PUT I FIRE WALL HERE,  
DOES THAT STOP THE DEVICE FROM  
FUNCTIONING?

WE HAVE TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS  
ON A REGULAR BASIS AND REALLY  
SEGMENT OUR NETWORKS, GOING BACK  
TO HYGIENE 101, IS IF THE  
DEVICES DON'T NEED TO TALK TO

EACH OTHER FOR BUSINESS, THEN

WHY DO WE ALLOW IT.

A LOT OF TIMES IT'S JUST BECAUSE

IT'S BEEN CONVENIENT.

IT'S EASIER TO PUT SOMETHING IN

PLACE AND CONNECT ID TO A

NETWORK LIKE WE DO AT HOME AND

LET THINGS TALK TO EACH OTHER

VERSUS ACTUALLY PUTTING THAT

SEGMENTATION IN PLACE AND

LIMITING COMMUNICATION.

>> IF YOU'RE SOMEONE OUT THERE

LISTENING TO THE WEBCAST WHO IS

WORRIED ABOUT RANSOMWARE AND

REALIZING THEY HAVEN'T DONE SOME

OF THESE THINGS, WHERE DO YOU

START?

IS THERE A GOOD STARTING PLACE

TO BEGIN BUILDING OUT A PROGRAM?

>> FOR A CONSUMER OR HEALTH

CARE?

>> MAYBE NOT SPECIFICALLY TO

HEALTH CARE, BUT FOR A BUSINESS,

LET'S SAY.

YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY WHO'S HOLDING  
PERSONAL INFORMATION AND WHO'S  
LOOKING TO MAKE THEIR NETWORKS  
MORE SECURE?

>> FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THERE'S  
A LOT OF MATERIAL OUT THERE.

YOU HAVE SANDS, YOU HAVE NIST,  
YOU HAVE YOUR DIFFERENT VENDORS  
AND PARTNERS YOU CAN WORK WITH.

I DON'T WANT TO NAME THEM ALL.  
SOME OF THEM ARE SITTING HERE.

>> I WOULD BE HAPPY TO NAME  
THEM.

>> SOME OF THEM ARE SITTING IN  
THE ROOM, SOME OF THEM ARE  
LISTENING.

BUT THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL  
ABOUT WHERE TO START.

THE WAY THAT WE APPROACHED IT AT  
CHILDREN'S WAS VISIBILITY AS  
WELL AS THE FOUR LIFE SAVING  
STEPS FROM THE RED CROSS -- STOP



THE BLEEDING, START THE  
BREATHING, PROTECT THE WOUND AND  
TREAT FOR SHOCK.

WHEN YOU STOP THE BLEEDING YOU  
MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT ASSETS  
ARE THERE.

WHERE ARE YOU HEMORRHAGING AND  
WHAT DATA IS LEAVING THE  
ORGANIZATION YOU'RE NOT AWARE  
OF.

TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT'S  
HAPPENING IN YOUR ENVIRONMENT.  
THEN MOVE FORWARD FROM THERE.

TURN OFF KNOWN BAD.

THERE IS PLENTY OF LISTS YOU CAN  
GET FROM CYBER INTELLIGENCE  
VENDORS, WE HEARD FROM CISCO AND  
THE TALOS INTELLIGENCE GROUP.

WE USE THEM AND OTHER FOLKS AS  
WELL.

TURN OFF KNOWN BAD.

THERE IS REALLY NO REASON YOU  
HAVE TO GO TO A MALWARE INFECTED

SITE THAT IS KNOWN TO BE  
INFECTED, AND SECURITY  
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITIES KNOW  
THEY'RE INFECTED.

YOU HAVE TO LEVERAGE THAT  
INFORMATION.

IF IT IMPACTS THE BUSINESS, MAKE  
FOLKS PUT THEIR HAND IN THE AIR  
AND SAY, HEY, THIS IS AN IMPACT  
AND GO THROUGH AN EXCEPTION AND  
A VETTING PROCESS.

IT WORKS IN HEALTH CARE.

THERE IS PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS  
THAT DON'T DO THAT AND THEY'VE  
GOTTEN HIT.

THERE IS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS  
THAT ARE JUST STARTING TO DO  
THAT IN THE HEALTH CARE  
BUSINESS, BUT WE SHOULD BE DOING  
THAT AS CONSUMERS EVERYDAY AT  
HOME AND THINKING ABOUT WHAT ARE  
WE CONNECTING TO, WHAT ARE WE  
CLICKING ON.

>> I DID GET A NOTE FROM OUR  
I.T. PEOPLE TO REMIND PEOPLE TO  
PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE  
MICS AS WE GO ON.

SO, LORRIE, ONE OF THE THINGS I  
WAS HOPING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU,  
AND WE'VE TALKED A BIT ABOUT  
AWARENESS IS A BIG PROBLEM, AND  
THAT THE HUMAN ELEMENT,  
CERTAINLY FOR THE EMAIL VECTOR,  
IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE  
WEAKEST LINK OF THE SECURITY  
CHAIN.

THIS IS AN AREA THE COMMISSION  
AND ELSEWHERE HAS WORKED ON  
TRYING TO EDUCATE PEOPLE FOR  
YEARS NOW.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES  
IN TERMS OF TRAINING AND ARE  
THERE ANY TECHNIQUES OUT THERE  
THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE  
EFFECTIVE?

>> AT CARNEGIE MELLON WORKING

WITH MY STUDENTS THERE, WE'VE  
ACTUALLY DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH  
ON WHAT IS EFFECTIVE, AND THERE  
ARE SOME TECHNIQUES THAT WORK.

I KNOW WE SAID EARLIER THIS  
MORNING, YOU CAN'T TELL PEOPLE  
NOT TO CLICK ON LINKS, AND YET  
LINKS ARE MEANT TO CLICK ON, SO  
IT IS A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE.

BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT  
YOU CAN DO TO HELP PEOPLE JUDGE  
LINKS BETTER.

WHAT WE DID IN OUR RESEARCH IS  
WE WATCHED EXPERTS CLICK ON  
LINKS.

WE LOOKED TO SEE WHAT WERE  
EXPERTS DOING WHEN THEY WERE  
MAKING THESE JUDGMENTS AND WHAT  
IS IT THAT EXPERTS ARE DOING  
THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TEACH  
TO PEOPLE WITHOUT HAVING TO  
TEACH THEM EVERYTHING AN EXPERT  
ALREADY KNOWS.

SO AN EXAMPLE OF THE KEY THING THAT WE FOUND IS EXPERTS TEND TO LOOK AT THE URLs, AND THEY'RE MAKING A JUDGMENT BASED ON WHAT THEY SEE IN THAT URL BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND THE COMPONENTS OF THE URL AND WHAT SHOULD BE THERE AND WHETHER TO KNOW THAT'S THE URL YOU WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE IN THAT SITUATION.

SO WE FOCUSED ON CAN WE TEACH CONSUMERS THAT.

MY STUDENTS DEVELOPED A LITTLE VIDEO GAME TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO UNDERSTAND URLs, AND WE DID RESEARCH STUDIES AND FOUND THAT WAS ACTUALLY FAIRLY EFFECTIVE.

DID IT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM EVER CLICKING ON A BAD LINK?

NO, BUT IT SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF BAD LINKS THAT THEY CLICKED ON.

SO IT'S TECHNIQUES LIKE THAT

THAT I THINK CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN  
EDUCATING PEOPLE AND REDUCING  
THEIR VULNERABILITY.

>> AND WHEN YOU LAYER THOSE  
TECHNIQUES ALONG WITH OTHER  
TECHNOLOGY, LIKE DO YOU NEED TO  
HAVE ACTIVE CONTENT IN YOUR  
EMAIL?

DO YOU NEED TO PRESENT THEM WITH  
LINKS TO CLICK ON?

THOSE KIND OF QUESTIONS SEEM  
PRETTY BASIC, BUT NOT A LOT OF  
EMAIL NEEDS ACTIVE LINKS.

TAKE THAT AN EXTRA MILE, WE  
INVESTED IN PREVENTION THAT  
LOOKS AT OUR THOSE LINKS WITHIN  
AN EMAIL, AND WE WERE ABLE TO  
REMOVE WELL OVER TWO-THIRDS OF  
THOSE LINKS BECAUSE THEY WERE  
KNOWN MALWARE, THEY WERE KNOWN  
BAD.

THE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE  
COMMUNITY KNEW THOSE LINKS WERE

BAD AND WE WERE JUST ABLE TO NOT  
DELIVER THOSE E-MAILS.

SO THERE IS A LOT YOU CAN DO IN  
ADDITION TO THE EDUCATION FOR  
FOLKS TO REMOVE THE RISK OF  
POTENTIALLY CLICKING ON A BAD  
LINK, IF YOU MAKE THE DECISION  
THAT YOU WANT TO DELIVER LINKS  
TO THE END USER.

>> ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN  
AUTOMATE OUT IS GOING TO NOT  
ONLY MAKE PEOPLE SAFER BUT  
REDUCE THE BURDEN ON THE END  
USER, AND END USERS DON'T WANT  
TO HAVE TO SPEND ALL THEIR TIME  
DOING SECURITY, THAT'S NOT WHY  
THEY USE THEIR COMPUTERS.

SO WE'RE SEEING COMPANIES DOING  
THAT.

EVEN THE LARGER EMAIL PROVIDERS  
DO THAT WHERE THEY HAVE LISTS OF  
KNOWN MALWARE AND PHISHING SITES  
AND THEY'RE ALSO FILTERING THOSE

THINGS OUT.

>> THIS WILL BE BUSINESS

SPECIFIC AND NOT CONSUMER

SPECIFIC BUT, YEAH, THERE ARE.

I THINK WE'VE ALREADY TALKED

AROUND IT OR ABOUT IT DIRECTLY.

YOU'VE MENTIONED THE THINGS

EXPERTS DO -- THEY LOOK

CAREFULLY AT THE LINK, MAKE SURE

IT DOESN'T JUST SAY THE WORD

THEY EXPECTED, THEY LOOK BEHIND

IT, HOVER OVER IT AND MAKE SURE

IT'S THE WEB SITE YOU EXPECTED.

SO THAT SERVICE, THERE IS PLENTY

OF PROVIDERS, A GREAT T-UP FOR

BILL SO, THERE IS PLENTY OF

PLACES.

DO WHAT THE EXPERTS DO AND

AUTOMATE IT.

YOU CAN BUY IT.

LET SOMEONE WHO HAS A TEAM OF

PEOPLE LOOK AT EVERY LINK FOR

YOU AND AS A BUSINESS THE LINKS



YOU GET WILL NEVER BE A LINK  
DIRECTLY TO THE WEB SITE.

THE EMAIL COMES IN, TAKE THE  
LINKS OUT, STRIP OUT THE BAD  
ONES, THEY SANITIZE THINGS AND  
YOU PASS THAT TRAFFIC THROUGH  
EVERYTHING.

SO YOU EFFECTIVELY HAVE SOMEONE  
LOOKING AT YOUR INBOUNDS.

THE TRAINING SIDE, SERVICES WILL  
SEND THE PHISHING E-MAILS  
PERIODICALLY TO YOUR EMPLOYEES.  
THEY WILL MEASURE SUCCESS RATE  
FOR THOSE THINGS AND IF THE  
EMPLOYEES FAIL THE TEST THEY GET  
ON THE SPOT TRAINING.

SO THERE IS A NUMBER OF  
TECHNIQUES.

>> THE SECURITY SOFTWARE OUT  
THERE NOW IS NOT JUST LIKING AT  
KNOWN LINKS OR KNOWN FILES, IT'S  
LOOKING AT THE BEHAVIOR -- WHERE  
HAVE WE SEEN THIS ON THE WEB

BEFORE -- SO WE'RE GETTING VERY  
GOOD AT DETECTING BAD FILES AND  
BAD LINKS.

>> SO ON THE RANSOMWARE-SPECIFIC  
FRONT, WE'VE HEARD TALK ABOUT  
THINGS LIKE DESCRIPTION KEYS OR  
VACCINES FOR RANSOMWARE.

TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE YOU SEEN  
THIS OUT IN THE WILD AND IS THAT  
SOMETHING PEOPLE CAN REASONABLY  
RELY ON IN TERMS OF GETTING  
THEIR INFORMATION BACK IS THIS.

>> YOU KNOW, OCCASIONALLY, I  
SUPPOSE THERE IS AN INCOMPETENT  
RANSOMWARE ACTOR WILL INCLUDE A  
DESCRIPTION KEY IN THEIR PAY  
LOAD OR USE THE SAME KEY ON  
SEVERAL VICTIMS, SO THIS WOULD  
ALLOW ANYONE WITH A CERTAIN  
LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE  
TO DECRYPT THEIR FILES.

UNFORTUNATELY THOSE MISTAKES  
ARE, A, FEW AND FAR BETWEEN AND

THEY ARE QUICKLY COVERED, SO I  
WOULD NOT RELY ON THAT AT ALL.  
THERE IS ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF  
VICTIMS OUT THERE AND COULD  
REALLY EVER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
THAT, IS MY VIEW.

>> AND YOU KEEP HEARING THE WORD  
SASS, YOU'RE DEALING WITH  
SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE.

IT'S SHARED, SO THE HALF-LIFE OF  
BUGS, IF GOOGLE PUSHES OUT A BAD  
CODE RELEASE, EVERYONE WILL  
NOTICE IT, CONVERGE ON IT FAST  
AND FIX IT.

YOU HAVE A HALF-LIFE IN BUGS IN  
GOOD SOFTWARE AND YOU HAVE THE  
SAME THING.

SO I WOULD NEVER RELY ON IT.

IT MIGHT SAVE YOU IN A PINCH IF  
YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY, BUT IT'S  
DEFINITELY NOT SOMETHING YOU  
WANT TO HANG YOUR HAT ON, I  
DON'T THINK.

>> ANY OTHER IDEAS ABOUT WHY RANSOMWARE HAS BEEN SO HARD TO STOP OR WHY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN PARTICULAR HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO FINGER THESE GUYS AND PUT AN END TO IT?

>> YOU KNOW, I THINK THE GROWTH HAS BEEN UNDENIABLE.

I THINK LAST YEAR THERE WERE 100 NEW FAMILIES OF RANSOMWARE, IT'S AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

A LOT OF IT IS, AGAIN, SUCCESS IS BREEDING SUCCESS.

THEY HAVE REFINED -- THE BAD GUYS HAVE SORT OF REFINED THEIR BUSINESS MODEL.

THEY'VE FOUND JUST THE RIGHT AVERAGE RANSOM AMOUNT THEY KNOW THEY CAN ASK FOR AND STILL POSSIBLY GET THEIR MONEY BACK.

LAST YEAR, OR 2014, ROUGHLY \$300.

THIS YEAR HOPPED UP TO \$700.

THAT SEEMS TO BE THE EQUILIBRIUM  
THERE.

AND THE WIDE-SCALE DISCRIMINATE  
STUFF GOES ON, IT'S GETTING MORE  
AND MORE TARGETED TO THE  
ORGANIZATION.

SO WITH RESPECT TO SORT OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT, AND  
IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO  
TRACK THIS DOWN, THE F.B.I. HAS  
A HELL OF A LOT GOING ON RIGHT  
NOW, PROBABLY OUTSIDE OF  
RANSOMWARE.

SO I THINK, IN MANY WAYS, IT'S  
SORT OF UP TO US TO PROTECT  
OURSELVES.

>> SO ONE QUESTION THAT WE'VE  
GOTTEN FROM THE AUDIENCE IS  
ABOUT MOBILE RANSOMWARE, IN  
PARTICULAR.

AND, YOU KNOW, TO WHAT EXTENT AS  
A CONSUMER, IF YOU HAVEN'T JAIL  
BROKEN YOUR PHONE, IF YOU'RE NOT

GOING TO THIRD PARTY APP STORES  
AND YOU'RE RELYING ON PRETTY  
REASONABLE SOURCES, IS THAT THE  
KIND OF THING THAT'S GOING TO  
MAKE YOU SECURE ON YOUR MOBILE  
PHONE?

DO YOU STILL NEED TO WORRY ABOUT  
RANSOMWARE?

>> YEAH, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE  
WORRIED.

YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK IT HELPS  
TO GO TO THE MAJOR APP STORES,  
BUT EVEN THERE, THERE CAN STILL  
BE SOME BAD APPS.

AND, SO, I THINK, YOU KNOW, KIND  
OF THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD  
THING THAT A CONSUMER CAN DO  
WHEN THEY GO TO DOWNLOAD AN APP  
IS TO SEE DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A  
POPULAR APP THAT'S BEEN HERE A  
WHILE, OR IS THIS SOMETHING THAT  
MIGHT HAVE A NAME THAT SOUNDS  
SIMILAR TO SOMETHING YOU KNOW OR

IT JUST POPPED UP HERE A FEW  
HOURS AGO, HASN'T BEEN  
DOWNLOADED VERY MUCH.  
MAKE SURE YOU'RE DOWNLOADING  
WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE  
DOWNLOADING.

>> SO THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL  
PROBLEM AT THE YOU RUN INTO WITH  
COMPUTERS, RIGHT.

SO SECURITY, I THINK WHAT WE'VE  
HEARD PRETTY MUCH ALL DAY IS  
THERE IS A BIG SERIES OF  
TRADEOFFS YOU HAVE TO MAKE,  
BEING A SECURITY MANAGER OR  
DIRECTOR AND NOW IT'S BEING A  
CONSUMER.

SO I THINK THE SAME -- IF YOU  
PRACTICE SOME OF THESE BASIC --  
GET INTO REALLY BASIC HABITS, SO  
IF YOU'RE ON A COMPUTER, AGAIN,  
IF YOU CAN OPEN YOUR COMPUTER,  
GET TO YOUR BACKUPS, SO CAN THE  
MALWARE.

SAME THING IS TRUE OF YOUR  
PHONE.

ALL THE MAJOR SMARTPHONE  
PROVIDERS HAVE A BUILT-IN BACKUP  
MECHANISM.

UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE FILES GO.  
TAKE A MINUTE TO UNDERSTAND HOW  
TO GET TO THEM.

IF THERE ARE THINGS YOU REALLY  
CARE ABOUT OR IF THEY'RE THE  
ONLY PICTURES YOU HAVE IN THE  
WORLD OF YOUR KIDS, TAKE TIME TO  
GET THOSE OUT OF THERE, IF YOU  
CAN, PUT THEM ON A DISK, STUFF  
THE DISK IN A DRAWER.

AGAIN, SAME THING THAT YOU DO  
FOR A COMPUTER, FOR AN iPad,  
FOR A PHONE.

YOU KNOW, YOU TRADE A LITTLE BIT  
OF CONVENIENCE AND YOU'RE GOING  
TO HAVE TO SET A REMINDER AND  
PLUG THE THING IN, BUT IF YOU  
TRADE A LITTLE BIT OF



CONVENIENCE, YOU GET A LOT IN  
RETURN.

IT APPLIES TO PRETTY MUCH ANY  
DEVICE PROFILE.

>> I SEE WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF  
TIME.

SO I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY  
FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE GROUP.

I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE ANY  
OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE  
AUDIENCE.

BUT IF NOT, I THINK WE WILL WRAP  
UP NOW.

SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

( APPLAUSE )

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UP NEXT I'LL BRING UP WILL MAXON  
FROM DIVISION OF MARKETING  
PRACTICES WHO WILL INTRODUCE OUR

THIRD PANEL.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH FOR STICKING  
AROUND TO THE FINAL PANEL.

REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE  
COMING AND ALL OF OUR PANELISTS  
THAT WE HAVE HERE.

FOR THE THIRD PANEL, WE'LL TALK  
ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET HIT  
BY RANSOMWARE, IF YOU'RE  
INFECTED WITH RANSOMWARE.

I THINK AS GEORGIA MENTIONED  
THIS MORNING, ETCH THE MOST  
SOPHISTICATED I.T. PEOPLE  
SOMETIMES BYPASS BEST SECURITY  
PRACTICES AND DO THINGS THAT YOU  
SHOULDN'T BE DOING ON THE  
INTERNET, CLICKING ON LINKS YOU  
DON'T KNOW OR INSTALLING  
SOFTWARE YOU'RE NOT SURE ABOUT,  
SO YOU COULD GET HIT, AND WE'RE  
GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT TO DO  
IF YOU ARE.

OUR PANELISTS ARE A GREAT

COLLECTION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
HERE TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT WE  
CAN DO IF YOU'RE HIT.

FIRST OF ALL, ON THE FAR END,  
WITHOUT A NAME TAG,  
UNFORTUNATELY, IS WILL BALES, A  
SUPERVISORLY SPECIAL AGENT IN  
THE CYBER DIVISION OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

HE'S CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE  
MAJOR CYBER CRIMES UNIT, CYBER  
DIVISION WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE  
OF LEADING THE F.B.I.'S EFFORT  
AGAINST RANSOMWARE.

NEXT TO WILL, WE HAVE PAAÄIVI  
TYNNINEN.

PAAÄIVI IS A RESEARCHER AT  
F-SECURE AND FOCUSES ON  
MONITORING THE THREAT LANDSCAPE  
BY DOING THREAT INTELLIGENCE,  
MALWARE, ANALYSIS AND REVERSE  
ENGINEERING.

HER EXPERTISE IS FOLLOWING

BOTNETS, RANSOMWARE.

SERGE JORGENSEN, PRESIDENT OF  
THE SYLINT GROUP, PROVIDES  
RESPONSIVE MEDIATION GUIDANCE TO  
MT. BILLION DOLLARS ESPIONAGE  
AND CYBER SECURITY ATTACKS.

WE HAVE ADAM MALONE, DIRECTOR OF  
CYBER INVESTIGATIONS AND BREECH  
RESPONSE PWC.

RIGHT NEXT TO ME WE HAVE BILL  
HARDEN, VICE PRESIDENT OF  
CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES.

WORKED ON DATA BREECH AND  
CYBERINCIDENT RESPONSE, THEFT OF  
TRADE SECRETS, WHITE-COLLAR  
CRIME AND ENTERPRISE RISK  
MANAGEMENT.

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO MUCH  
FOR BEING HERE.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

THE FIRST QUESTION I'M GOING TO  
POSE IS WHAT IS THE FIRST THING  
THAT A CONSUMER OR SMALL

BUSINESS SHOULD DO IF THEY'RE  
INFECTED BY RANSOMWARE, IF THEY  
GOAT ONE OF THOSE POP-UPS WE SAW  
EARLIER WITH A SKULL AND  
CROSSBONES OR WHATEVER SAYING  
ALL YOUR FILES ARE ENCRYPTED,  
YOU NEED TO PAY US X NUMBER OF  
BITCOINS.

BILL, COULD YOU LEAD US OFF?

>> SURE.

SO CHARLES RIVER, WE LIKE TO DO  
WHAT I CALL THE ACRONYM BEING  
CPA.

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

WELL, FIRST OFTEN, WE WANT TO  
CONTAIN THE EVENT OF WHAT'S  
HAPPENED, CONTAINMENT MEANS THE  
SKULL AND CROSSBONES HAVE NOW  
COME UP, WHO DO I NEED TO CALL?  
DO I NEED TO CALL SOMEONE WITH  
AN I.T. WITHIN MY ORGANIZATION,  
HEY, I ACCIDENTALLY JUST DID  
THIS, CAN YOU GUYS HELP ME OUT.

THE NEXT PART OF THAT IS GOING  
TO BE PRESERVATION IN OUR CPR  
ANALOGY.

PRESERVATION.

BEING A FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR,  
WE HAVE TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE  
BECAUSE WHEN WE COME ON THE  
SCENE, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND  
EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

LASTLY, WILL, THE THING THAT WE  
NEED TO TALK ABOUT IS  
REMEDIATION.

THAT'S SOMETHING HERE THAT THE  
PANEL IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT.

PAY OR NOT PAY?

I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE  
TALKED ABOUT THE ASPECT OF WE  
HAVE THE BACKUPS.

BUT NOW LET'S SAY WE DON'T HAVE  
THE BACKUPS, FROM A BUSINESS  
PERSPECTIVE, ARE WE GOING TO  
MAKE A PAYMENT?

IF WE DO, HOW DO WE SET UP A

BITCOIN WALLET?

HOW IS IT GOING TO WORK?

WITH THAT, WILL, I GO WITH THE  
CPR WHEN I TALK TO CLIENTS, I  
THINK IT HELPS OUT AND CALMS  
THEM DOWN A LITTLE BIT.

>> SO LET'S SAY YOU'RE HIT NOW  
AND TRYING TO ANALYZE WHAT  
YOU'RE GOING TO DO, THE FIRST  
THING I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE  
WILL THINK OF IS SHOULD I REPORT  
THIS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND IF  
I DO REPORT IT TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO  
CONTACT?

IS IT LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL?

AND IF SO, WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE  
SHOULD I EXPECT FROM LAW  
ENFORCEMENT?

AND I THINK, WILL, YOU'RE THE  
NATURAL PERSON TO RESPOND TO  
THAT FIRST.

>> SURE.

I WOULD SAY YOU SHOULD  
DEFINITELY REPORT IT TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT.

THE F.B.I. HAS BEEN TAKING THE  
LEAD ON ANY TYPE OF RANSOMWARE  
EVENT OR INCIDENT, AND WITH  
THAT, WHAT YOU ARE TO EXPECT  
FROM THE F.B.I., I DO NOT WANT  
TO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL HAVE  
A WHOLE BUNCH OF F.B.I. AGENTS  
SHOW UP AT YOUR DOOR.

I JUST CAN'T PROMISE THAT.  
IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING FOR  
MANY OF YOU.

HOWEVER, WE DO AND ARE VERY  
SYMPATHETIC TO THE IMPACT IT IS  
CAUSING YOU, WHETHER AT A  
PERSONAL LEVEL, BUSINESS,  
CORPORATION, HEALTHCARE  
PROVIDER, WE ARE VERY  
SYMPATHETIC.

WHEN YOU CALL AND REPORT TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT, WE CAN TAKE THE



INFORMATION YOU OBTAINED,  
WHETHER THE BITCOIN WALLET OR  
ANY TYPE OF TRANSACTION DATA  
THAT MIGHT BE OCCURRING, ANY  
TYPE OF EMAIL ACCORDANCE THAT  
YOU MIGHT BE HAVING WITH THE  
SUBJECT, WE'RE VERY INTERESTED  
IN THAT INFORMATION.

THAT WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT  
BECAUSE, AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE  
NOW, RANSOMWARE IS NOT AFFECTING  
JUST ONE PERSON OR ONE BUSINESS,  
IT'S GOING TO MOVE ON, OR  
PROBABLY SIMULTANEOUSLY  
AFFECTING SOMEBODY ELSE.

SO THE INFORMATION THAT YOU CAN  
REPORT TO THE F.B.I. IS HUGE AND  
CAN BE ABLE TO BE GATHERED SO  
THAT WE CAN ADVANCE OUR  
INVESTIGATION, AND I KNOW THAT  
IT WAS BROUGHT UP LAST PANEL  
DISCUSSION.

THESE ARE DIFFICULT

INVESTIGATIONS.

THEY ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN REALLY MOVE  
FORWARD IS WITH THE HELP THAT  
WAS BROUGHT UP.

INFORMATION FROM VICTIMS OR  
ANYBODY THAT MIGHT BE ASSISTING  
WITH A RANSOMWARE INCIDENT IS  
GOING TO FURTHER OUR  
INVESTIGATION.

SO I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE, IF YOU  
ARE VICTIM TO A RANSOMWARE  
EVENT, PLEASE REPORT IT TO YOUR  
LOCAL F.B.I. OFFICE, OR YOU CAN  
REPORT IT TO [IC3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov).

I KNOW IT'S SOMETIMES AN  
INCONVENIENCE TO PICK UP THE  
PHONE AND CALL.

WE DON'T IDENTIFY OURSELVES AND  
YOU'RE TALKING WITH AN F.B.I.  
AGENT AND STUFF, BUT IF YOU WANT  
TO GO ON THE WEB SITE [IC3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov),  
FILL OUT A FORM, PUT ANY

INFORMATION YOU CAN INPUT INTO THE  
FORM, THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET  
THE INTEL FROM YOU AND BE ABLE  
TO ASSIST WITH OUR CASES.

>> SPEAKING OF THE CASES THAT  
THE F.B.I. BRINGS, I KNOW WE  
HAVE THE ISSUE AT THE F.T.C.  
WITH SOME OF OUR INTERNATIONAL  
AND CROSS-BORDER ENFORCEMENT, IS  
THERE MUCH THE F.B.I. CAN DO ON  
THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SIDE WHEN  
THE SUSPICION WOULD BE PROBABLY  
IN MANY OF THESE CASES THAT THE  
BAD PEOPLE ARE OUTSIDE OF THE  
UNITED STATES?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

WE HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH WITH A LOT OF FOREIGN  
PARTNERS.

WE HAVE NOT AS EXCELLENT  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME FOREIGN  
PARTNERS.

HOWEVER, RANSOMWARE IS HITTING

EVERYBODY, AS A WHOLE.

IT'S A GLOBAL PROBLEM.

THE VARIANT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BEING AFFECTED BY IS ALSO AFFECTING NUMEROUS OTHER COUNTRIES.

SO WE HAVE A LOT OVERJOINT INVESTIGATIONS THAT WE CAN PASS INFORMATION AND FURTHER BOTH OF OUR CASES ALONG, AND WE DON'T CARE IF THE SUBJECT IS LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES.

WE'LL WORK WITH OUR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS AND ARREST THEM IF WE CAN.

>> IF I COULD ADD ON TO THAT, I THINK YOU ARE TOUCHING ON SOME OF THE ISSUES AS FAR AS INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT WE GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM CLIENTS THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT LEERY ABOUT REACHING OUT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THEY DON'T WANT EITHER THE  
PUBLICITY OR THE INTERACTION,  
AND THEIR LAWYERS OR LEGAL  
COUNSEL MIGHT BE COUNSELING  
THEM, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO,  
DON'T MAKE THE CALL.  
BUT A COUPLE OF PIECES OF  
INFORMATION, THE BITCOIN WALLET  
ADDRESS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO  
PAY TO IS A GOOD PIECE OF  
INFORMATION AND THE MALWARE  
SAMPLES AND MASH OF THE MALWARE  
CAN REALLY HELP WITH THE ONGOING  
LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS  
AND DOESN'T NECESSARILY REVEAL  
ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON  
THAT WAS ATTACKED.  
SO YOU COULD MAKE AN ANONYMOUS  
CALL OR GET YOUR LAWYER TO DO IT  
FOR YOU AND SAY, HEY, THE CLIENT  
HAD A PROBLEM, HERE'S THE TWO  
BITS OF INFORMATION AND IT WOULD  
STILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO YOU

IN YOUR INVESTIGATION AND NOT  
NECESSARILY CAUSE ALL THAT  
QUANDARY ABOUT DO I REACH OUT TO  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OR NOT.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

LIKE YOU SAID, THE BITCOIN  
WALLET AS WELL AS THE MALWARE  
SAMPLE, EVEN JUST THE HASH VALUE  
OF THAT, WE CAN GO ON OUR WAY.  
OUR PURPOSE IS TO TRACK DOWN BAD  
GUYS.

THAT'S WHAT WE DO IN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT.

IT'S NOT A MEDIA GAME.

WE DON'T WANT ANY TYPE OF  
PUBLICITY RELATING TO ANY RRMDZ  
INCIDENT, THAT ONLY USUALLY  
MAKES OUR INVESTIGATIONS MORE  
DIFFICULT.

SO WE DO NOT MIND ANY TYPE OF  
SUBMITTING OF ANONYMOUS  
INFORMATION LIKE THAT.

IF YOU CAN JUST PROVIDE THAT IN SOME WAY, THAT WOULD BE VERY, VERY BENEFICIAL.

>> SO LET'S SAY YOU'VE GOTTEN HIT WITH RANSOMWARE AND YOU STARTED YOUR INITIAL RESPONSE TO THAT INCIDENT, WHETHER IT'S AN INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL BUSINESS, YOU CONTACTED LAW ENFORCEMENT, REPORTED IT, YOU'VE TURNED OFF YOUR COMPUTER, WHATEVER ELSE IT IS YOU'RE GOING TO DO.

I KNOW THIS IS TOUCHED ON A LITTLE BIT IN THE HAST PANEL, BUT IF YOU HAVE FILES IN THE CLOUD, LIKE DROPBOX OR ICLOUD, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU COULD DO AT THAT POINT TO PROTECT THOSE FILES OR WALL THEM OFF OR ARE THOSE LOST?

SERGE, COULD YOU START US OFF?

>> SURE.

ONE OF THE THINGS, AND YOU

TOUCHED ON IT BRIEFLY, THE FIRST  
CONTAINMENT PIECE, BILL, WAS  
REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
COMPUTER THAT WAS DOING THE  
ENCRYPTING, THE COMPUTER THAT  
HAD BEEN INFECTED WAS NO LONGER  
ABLE TO ENCRYPT THOSE FILES, SO  
IT'S UNPLUGGING IT FROM YOUR  
NETWORK JACK, TURNING OFF  
WIRELESS AND SOMEHOW TRYING TO  
DISRUPT THE CONNECTION THAT IT  
MIGHT HAVE TO THOSE CLOUD  
REPOSITORIES.

SO THE DROPBOX AGENT THAT'S  
SITTING ON YOUR COMPUTER, FOR  
INSTANCE, ALLOWS THE RANSOMWARE  
ON YOUR COMPUTER TO ACCESS THE  
FILES AND DROP BOX JUST LIKE IT  
WAS A LOCAL FILE SHARE.

SO THE RANSOMWARE WILL START  
ENCRYPTING IT.

IF YOU CAN SHUT DOWN THE AGENT  
OR DISCONNECT WIRELESS AND



DISCONNECT YOUR NETWORK CABLE  
AND STOP THAT CONNECTIVITY.

WE'VE SEEN MALWARE AND  
RANSOMWARE TARGETING DROPBOX,  
ONE DRIVE, ICLOUD, THE CLOUD  
REPOSITORIES, AND THE FASTEST  
THING TO DO IS TO BREAK THAT  
CONNECTION.

A LOT OF TIMES WE'VE SEEN THE  
CLOUD SERVICE PROVIDERS COULD  
START DETECTING THE ENCRYPTED  
FILES AS MALWARE AND COULD START  
DELETING THEM OR THEY MAY  
RECEIVER THE CONNECTION FOR YOU  
AND SEND COMMUNICATION TO YOU  
SAYING, HEY, WE THINK THERE IS A  
PROBLEM WITH YOUR ACCOUNT, WE'VE  
CUT THAT CONNECTION.

SO THE CLOUD PROVIDERS ARE  
TRYING TO HELP, BUT THAT'S THE  
FIRST PLACE TO START.

>> YOU MENTIONED KICKING OFF  
YOUR INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN.

I'VE SEEN A MA CHIEWRKS TESTED  
INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN IS  
PIVOTAL TO DEALING WITH A  
RANSOMWARE ATTACK.

I THINK WE'VE PICKED UP THREADS  
THROUGHOUT DIFFERENT  
CONVERSATIONS TODAY THERE ARE A  
LOT OF VARIANCES AND NUANCES TO  
THE TYPES OF ATTACKS OUT THERE  
AFFECTING CLIENTS TODAY AND  
OTHER VICTIMS.

SO UNDERSTANDING THE NUANCES OF  
EACH OF THOSE AND WHICH ONE HAS  
TARGETED YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN  
BE LIKELY CRITICAL.

YOU MAY BE INFECTED WITH A  
VARIANT THAT MAPS OUT AND  
INFECTS -- IT NEVER SHARES.

YOU MAY BE INFECTED WITH THE  
VARIANT THAT HAS A PUBLISHED  
DESCRIPTION KEY FOR IT.

SO BUILDING THAT CAPABILITY INTO  
YOUR INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN SO

YOU CAN FOCUS IN ON THE VARIANT  
YOU HAVE BEEN ATTACKED WITH CAN  
BE CRITICAL TO YOUR SUCCESS.

>> SPEAKING OF THE VARIANTS,  
PAAÄIVI, YOUR COMPANY F-SECURE  
LOOKED AT A LOT OF DIFFERENT  
VARIANTS AND THE COOP ASSUMER  
EXPERIENCE WITH THE VARIANTS,  
WHETHER IT BE WHAT KIND OF  
LANGUAGE DO THEY COMMUNICATE IN,  
WILL THEY NEGOTIATE ON THE PRICE  
OF THE RANSOMWARE, GIVE YOU  
EXTENSIONS OF TIME.

COULD YOU SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT  
THAT REPORT AND WHAT YOU GUYS  
FOUND?

>> YEAH, YOU ACTUALLY SET OUT  
PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING WE WERE  
DISCUSSING IN THE REPORT, THAT  
WAS QUITE A LOT.

SO I'LL PROBABLY START START  
WITH THE LANGUAGE SUPPORT.

AS WE SAW IN THE PRESENTATION

EARLIER, THE LANGUAGE OF THE  
RANSOMWARE NOTE CAN BE BASED ON  
THE COMPUTER LOCAL LANGUAGE OR  
WHAT IS THE HE BOARD SETTINGS.

BUT USUALLY WHAT THEY LOOK FOR  
IS THE I.P. ADDRESS.

SO THEY CAN PRESENT THE  
RANSOMWARE NOTE ON YOUR OWN  
LANGUAGE.

FOR EXAMPLE IF YOUR I.P. ADDRESS  
IS LOCATED IN GERMANY, THE NOTE  
IS PRESENTED TO YOU IN GERMAN.

AND --

>> WHAT ABOUT A NEGOTIATING  
PRICE?

WHAT KIND OF FINDINGS DID YOU  
HAVE WITH RESPECT TO PEOPLE  
HAVING SUCCESS GETTING THE LOWER  
PRICE THAN THE PRICE THEY ASKED  
FOR INITIALLY?

>> ACTUALLY, IN THE RESEARCH, WE  
WERE STUDYING FIVE DIFFERENT  
VARIANTS.

SOME WERE MORE PREVALENT THAN  
THE OTHERS.

ALL OF THEM WHO RESPONDED TO OUR  
QUERIES, THAT WAS FOUR OUT OF  
THE FIVE VARIANTS, WERE  
EXTENDING THE DEADLINE, AT  
LEAST.

THREE OUT OF THE FIVE VARIANTS  
LOWERED THE PRICE.

IT WAS ON AVERAGE 29%.

>> WILL, BEFORE WE HAD THIS  
PANEL, YOU AND I WERE TALKING  
BRIEFLY ABOUT THE ABILITY TO GO  
ONLINE AND TRY TO FIND ONLINE-LINE AND TRY TO FIND ON-LINE  
DESCRIPTION KEYS AND TRYING TO  
AVOID HAVING TO INTERACT  
DIRECTLY WITH THE RANSOMEWARE  
AGENT BY GETTING THESE  
ENCRYPTION KEYS AND YOU TOLD ME  
ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES SOME  
PEOPLE HAVE HAD WITH THOSE  
ON-LINE ENCRYPTION KEYS.  
COULD YOU SHARE THAT.

>> SURE.

WHILE I DO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO  
DO A LOT OF OPEN SOURCE RESEARCH  
IF THEY ARE VICTIMS OF  
RANSOMWARE EVENTS, A LOT HAS  
DONE AND SO PLEASE DO RESEARCH  
ABOUT THE VARIANT YOU YOU MIGHT BE  
ATTACKED WITH BUT BE EXTREMELY  
SKEPTICAL WITH THINK  
INTERACTIONS WITH ANY COMPANY  
THAT SAYS THEY HAVE A DECRYPTER  
AVAILABLE WHERE EVERYBODY ELSE  
IS SAYING THEY DO NOT HAVE A  
DESCRIPTION TOOL AVAILABLE.  
YET THIS ONE OR TWO OR WHATEVER  
COMPANY HAS THE TOOL AVAILABLE.  
WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS SAID  
COMPANY OR COMPANIES ARE MORE  
THAN LIKELY JUST INTERFACING  
WITH THE SUBJECT.  
AND PAYING THE RANSOM FOR THE  
VICTIM, CHARGING THE VICTIM OF  
COURSE AND JUST OBTAINING THE

DECRYPTION KEYS FROM THE  
RANSOMWARE SUBJECT, HIM OR  
HERSELF.

AND THEN CREATING THE  
QUOTE/UNQUOTE DESCRIPTOR CODE  
FOR THE DECRYPTION KEYS  
PROVIDING TO THE VICTIM.

IT'S THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE UNITED  
AGAINST THE CAUSE NOT PAYING THE  
RANSOM, THEY'RE JUST CHARGED  
THIS FEE FOR THIS DECRYPTION  
TOOL HOWEVER THEY ULTIMATELY  
WENT THROUGH THIS MIDDLEMAN  
COMPANY THAT PAID THE RANSOM AND  
WE HAVE SEEN THAT.

>> ACTUALLY I THINK IT WOULD BE  
PRETTY SUSPICIOUS IF THE AMOUNT  
YOU PAY FOR THIS COMPANY WHO IS  
PROVIDING YOU THE DECRYPTION  
TOOL IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME OR  
MORE THAN WHAT THE EXTORTIONISTS  
WERE ORIGINALLY ASKING FOR.

>> RANSOMWARE IS VERY MUCH A

BUSINESS MODEL.

SOME ARE BETTER AT IT THAN

OTHERS.

>> THERE'S CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

I GET THAT RELEASED ALL THE KEYS

ASSOCIATED WITH THAT SO THAT

BECAME PUBLIC.

>> AS LONG AS YOU'RE

RESEARCHING, FOR EXAMPLE THE FBI

RELEASED THE PANEL ON THAT

BECAUSE THE SUBJECT DID RELEASE

THE MASTER DECRYPT KEY FOR THAT

FOR VERSION THREE I THINK IT WAS

AND ON.

AS WELL AS IT IS WORTH NOTING

THAT SOME OF THESE OTHER

VARIANTS THAT ARE OUT THERE,

THERE'S QUOTE/UNQUOTE

PROFESSIONAL ONES THAT ARE KIND

OF THE HEAVY HITTERS AND THERE'S

OTHER ONES THAT ARE MORE AMATEUR

LEVEL THAT HAVE THE FLAWS THAT

DECRYPT ION TOOLS ARE MADE



BECAUSE OF THOSE FLAWS.

IF YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A  
RANSOMWARE EVENT AND YOU'RE ABLE  
TO RESTORE FROM BACK UP, YOU CAN  
PUT YOUR FILES OFF TO THE SIDE  
AND THERE MIGHT BE A DECRYPTION  
TOOL AVAILABLE IN A FEW WEEKS,  
MONTHS, MAYBE YEARS.

BUT IT'S WORTH NOTING.

>> I THINK AGAIN ONE OF THE KEYS  
TO UNDERSTAND IS SOME THREAT  
INTELLIGENCE, WHAT EXACTLY ARE  
YOU DEALING WITH.

SO UNDERSTANDING YOUR RANSOMWARE  
VARIANT AND THEN THROUGH THAT  
THEN DETERMINING YOUR NEXT STEPS  
ASSOCIATED AGAIN FROM A  
CONTAINMENT ASPECT OF IT.

ONE THING THAT WE'VE BEEN SEEING  
A LOT OF RECENTLY NOW, A LOT OF  
PANELISTS WERE TALKING EARLIER  
ABOUT HOW RANSOMWARE GETS  
INITIATED, COMING THROUGH PHISH

AND WE'VE SEEN IT COME THROUGH  
RDP.

AGAIN A NEW ATTACK FACTOR THAT'S  
OUT THERE.

IT'S NOT USER INITIATED.

THE ATTACKER'S ACTUALLY GET ON  
TO AN RDP, GETTING ON TO THE  
SERVER AND THE ATTACKER'S  
ACTUALLY INITIATING IT  
THEMSELVES.

SO IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO  
UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW IT GOT  
WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

>> THAT LEADS ME TO MY NEXT  
QUESTION WHICH IS SO LET'S SAY  
YOU'VE GOTTEN THE MESSAGE, YOU  
GOT THE SKULL AND CROSS BONES,  
YOU'VE DONE THE CPR,  
DISCONNECTED THE MACHINE FROM  
THE NETWORK IMPORTANT TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT.  
CAN'T FIND A DECRYPTION KEY OR  
RELIABLE DECRYPTION KEY AND NOW

YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU  
WILL PAY OR NOT.

SHOULD YOU PAY OR MAYBE YOU'RE  
THE FIRST ONE TO RESPOND TO  
THIS.

WHAT'S THE F.B.I. POSITION  
WHETHER YOU SHOULD PAY.

>> THE F.B.I. POSITION IS WE DO  
NOT CONDONE PAYMENT, WE DON'T  
SUPPORT IT.

HOWEVER WE VERY SYMPATHETIC IN  
UNDERSTANDING AND WE WANT TO BE  
ABLE TO WORK WITH YOU, BUT LIKE  
MR. WRIGHT SAID AT THE LAST  
PANEL SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS.

SO IN PAYMENT OF THESE RANSOM,  
IT'S ONLY ENCOURAGING THEM TO  
CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS MODEL  
AND EXTORT THE NEXT PERSON.

>> SOMETHING ELSE TO CONSIDER IS  
IF YOU DO MAKE THAT, AS YOU'RE  
MAKING THAT DECISION WHETHER OR  
NOT TO PAY REMEMBER YOU'RE

DEALING WITH UNETHICAL PEOPLE.

THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO  
HAVE OPEN AND FAIR BUSINESS  
PRACTICES.

I CAN IMAGINE A SCENARIO WHERE  
SOMEONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SPREAD  
A VARIANT OF RANSOMWARE TO A LOT  
OF VICTIMS AND COLLECTED  
DECRYPTION KEYS AND LOST HIS  
INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HOSTED THOSE  
DECRYPTION KEYS DUE TO A HOSTING  
COMPANY IDENTIFYING THIS IS  
INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING AND  
TAKING IT DOWN.

HE'S NOT GOING TO ADVERTISE HE  
NO LONGER HAS ACCESS TO AT THAT  
TIME DECRYPTION KEY.

BUT HE VERY WELL WILL TAKE YOUR  
PAYMENT, YOUR ANONYMOUS PAYMENT.

SO I THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE NO  
EXPECTATIONS WHEN YOU GO INTO  
THAT TRANSACTION AND THAT'S GOT  
TO BE A KEY CONSIDERATION.

>> THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T HAVE EXPECTATIONS GOING TO. I WOULD SAY IN OUR EXPERIENCE OVER 50% BUT UNDER 80% OF THE TIME THAT PAYMENT RESULTS IN A SUCCESSFUL DECRYPTION KEY GOING BACK AND CLAIMING THEY HAVE SOME MORE DATA AND SOME STATS AROUND THAT.

SOMETIMES WE FILED THAT IT'S THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE ATTACKER.

WE'VE HAD FILES THAT HAVE BEEN ENCRYPTED MULTIPLE TIMES BECAUSE THE PERSON THAT ORIGINALLY GOT THE E-MAIL SENT IT TO SIX OF THEIR FRIENDS SAID HEY I CAN'T OPEN THIS CAN YOU TRY AND THE FILES JUST KEPT ENCRYPTING THEMSELVES.

WE'VE SEEN FILES GETTING CORRUPTED DURING THE ENCRYPTION

PROCESS AND THERE'S NO WAY TO  
DECRYPT IT EVEN WITH A VALID KEY  
AND WE'VE SEEN ATTACKERS SENDING  
IN A KEY THAT WASN'T NECESSARILY  
THE KEY FOR THE FILES YOU GOT.

ONCE YOU PAY THAT MONEY, THE  
WHOLE IDEA BEHIND BITCOIN AND  
UNTRACEABLE CURRENCY IS THERE'S  
NO WAY TO GET THAT BACK.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY  
MORE DATA.

>> UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE  
DATA ON THE PAYMENTS, WHETHER  
IT'S THE DECRYPTION HAS BEEN  
SUCCESSFUL.

>> ALSO, JUST KIND OF MORE ON  
THE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DEALING  
WITH THE VARIANT, SAM SAM FOR  
EXAMPLE WILL GIVE YOU A PRICE AS  
SOON AS YOU SAY THAT THEY WILL  
ALMOST DOUBLE IT AGAIN BEFORE  
THEY GIVE YOU ACTUALLY THE  
DECRYPTION KEYS.

ONCE YOU'VE MADE THAT PAYMENT,  
THAT IS BASICALLY A COMMITMENT  
TO THE SUBJECT SAYING WE HAVE NO  
BACK UPS.

YOU HAVE A HOOK, LINE AND  
SINKER.

IF YOU PAY THE RANSOM PLEASE  
REPORT IT TO US, THERE'S NO  
HOSTILITIES OR ANYTHING LIKE  
THAT TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WE WILL GLADLY STILL SUPPORT YOU  
HOWEVER WE CAN WITH OUR  
INVESTIGATION.

>> I THINK IT'S A BUSINESS  
DECISION.

AGAIN YOU HAD SOME EARLIER  
PANELISTS TODAY.

WE'VE TALKING \$700.

HOW VALUABLE IS THE DATA THAT  
WAS IMPACTED TO THE  
ORGANIZATION.

THEN FROM THERE PACIFIC IT, DO  
WE HAVE NECESSARY BACK UPS AGAIN

FROM THE MEDIATION ASPECTS OF  
IT.

THEN YOU HAVE TO DECIDE FROM A  
BUSINESS PAY OR NOT PAY.

THERE'S A LOT OF ETHICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS CONSIDERING SOME  
OF OUR CLIENTS WE DON'T PAY.

WE DON'T, WE'VE BEEN RANSOMED  
WE'VE BEEN HOSTAGED, WE DON'T  
DEAL WITH TERRORISTS.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN IS,  
IT'S A DEMINIMIS AMOUNT WE  
ACTUALLY NEED THE DATA, WE NEED  
TO PAY.

WHEN YOU GO THROUGH THAT PAYMENT  
PROCESS IT GETS SCARY AND I

THINK EARLIER, EXCUSE ME LATER,

ADAM TALKED ABOUT BITCOIN

WALLETS AND HOW TO SET THAT UP.

WE'VE HAD A LOT OF CLIENTS

UNFORTUNATELY HAD TO PAY, THEY

HAVEN'T HAD THE BACK UPS

ASSOCIATED WITNESS.



THEY'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN  
RECOVERING THE DATA.

>> I THINK ONE LESSON TOO THAT I  
LEARNED THROUGH AN UNFORTUNATE  
ENCOUNTER WAS THIS COMPANY HAD A  
VERY ROBUST BACK UP PLAN IN  
PLACE.

IT WAS VERY WELL EXECUTED, DE  
WAS PRESERVED BUT THEY DIDN'T  
NECESSARILY DO THE JOB WITH  
UNDERSTANDING WHAT DATA WAS  
IMPORTANT TO THEM.

SO REMEMBER, THESE RANSOMWARE  
EXECUTEABLES ARE GOING TO SEARCH  
YOUR SYSTEM FOR ALL TYPES OF  
FILE, EXTENTIONS.

AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE A BACK UP  
POLICY AND THAT DATA WAS  
IMPORTANT TO THE BRAND AND THERE  
WAS A LOT OF BRAND IDENTITY THAT  
WAS LOST EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T  
HAVE DATA THAT WAS REPRODUCED.  
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THOSE

DISCUSSIONS INTERNALLY WITH YOUR  
DATA HOLDERS, DON'T JUST THINK  
ABOUT FINANCIAL IS, DON'T JUST  
THINK ABOUT STANDARD OFFICE  
DOCUMENTS, THINGS OF THAT  
NATURE.

ALL OF THE OTHER PLACES YOU  
MIGHT HAVE STORED CRITICAL DATA  
MAKE SURE THEY ARE PART OF YOUR  
BACK UP POLICIES.

>> YOU GUYS MENTIONED PAYMENT BY  
BITCOIN.

Y GOT A QUESTION HERE FROM THE  
AUDIENCE THAT IS ASKING DOES  
PAYING BY BITCOIN EXPOSE YOUR  
ACCOUNT INFORMATION AND COULD  
YOU BE SUBJECTED TO FURTHER  
FRAUD BY PAYING BY BITCOIN AND  
IS THERE A WAY TO PAY BY  
BITCOINS IF YOU'RE DOING THE  
RANSOM TO DO SO SAFELY.

>> I THINK SOME OF THE PLACES  
YOU CAN PAY WITH BITCOIN ARE A

LITTLE BIT SKETCHY FOR LACK OF A  
BETTER TERM.

THERE ARE LEGITIMATE WAYS OF  
PURCHASING BIT COINS AND THEY  
CERTAINLY WORK.

ONE OF THE THING THAT WE HAVE  
NOTICED IS THAT SOME OF THE  
ATTACKERS ARE EMBEDDING LINKS  
AND MEANS OF PAYMENT INTO THEIR  
MESSAGES SAYING HEY CAN YOU  
BITCOIN, CLICK ON THIS LINK AND  
BUY YOUR BITCOIN FROM THIS  
LOCATION.

YOU'VE SEEN INSTANCES WHERE THAT  
LINK WHERE ATTACKERS ARE  
PROVIDING IN ORDER TO BE HELPFUL  
IS THEN GOING TO HARVEST  
ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNT  
INFORMATION CERTAINLY HAS YOU  
WOULD SIGN UP FOR THOSE  
SERVICES.

YOU NEED TO JUST REMEMBER FROM  
AN ATTACKER'S STANDPOINT, IT'S

ALL ABOUT MONITORRIZATION OF  
DATA.

SO THE MORE DATA THAT THEY CAN  
GET ABOUT YOU IN THE COURSE OF  
THIS ATTACK, THE BETTER.

SO IF THEY CAN GET THE \$700 FROM  
YOU AND THEN IF THEY CAN ALSO BE  
HARVESTING SOME ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION LIKE YOUR BANK  
ACCOUNT INFORMATION, THEN ONCE  
YOU PAY THEM 700, THEY CAN GO  
BACK INTO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT AND  
SEE WHAT ELSE WAS THERE.

SO I WOULD SAY NOT DIRECTLY.

CAN IT BE FROM A BITCOIN  
PROVIDER.

IN ATM'S YOU CAN PUT IN CASH AND  
GET BACK ELECTRONIC CURRENCY.

THERE'S THE PROBABILITY THAT THE  
ATTACKER IS PROVIDING A  
PARTICULAR ADDRESS THAT'S  
PROBABLY NOT THE ONE THAT YOU  
WANTED TO USE.

>> THAT LEADS ME TO ANOTHER  
QUESTION.

IT SEEMS LIKE IF YOU PAY, THEN  
THERE IS A RISK TOO THAT YOU  
MIGHT END UP BEING ESSENTIALLY A  
LEAD FOR OTHER SCAMS DOWN THE  
ROAD BECAUSE IF THEY'VE GOTTEN  
INTO YOUR MACHINE AND THEY'VE  
BEEN ABLE TO ENCRYPT YOUR FILES,  
MAYBE THEY'VE INSTALLED A KEY  
STROKE, MAYBE THEY INSTALLED A  
LATE INSTANT LINK SOMEWHERE THEY  
CAN EXECUTE LATER ON.

THE FACT YOU PAID HOWEVER MUCH  
MONEY THIS IS, \$500 MAYBE \$1,000  
THEY KNOW YOUR FILES ARE VERY  
VALUABLE TO YOU.

THEY KNOW THEY HAVE SOME MONEY,  
THAT SOME INSIGNIFY UNLTD AMOUNT  
OF MONEY AVAILABLE TO YOU TO  
PAY, IS THERE A RISK YOU MIGHT  
BE LIKELY TO BE REVICTIMIZED IF  
YOU'VE BEEN INFECTED AND PAY.

>> WELL, THE INTERESTING THING,  
WILL, ABOUT THIS IS EVERYONE HAS  
A CUSTOMER ID.

JUST LIKE ANY BUSINESS IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO PAY, THEY HAVE THE ID,  
THEY KNOW WHERE YOU'RE AT.

WE HEARD EARLIER LOCATIONS AND  
VARIOUS OTHER THINGS.

YES, YOU COULD BECOME AN  
INCREASING TARGET FOR OTHER  
DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAMPAIGNS  
THAT THIS PARTICULAR  
ORGANIZATION MIGHT LAUNCH THAT'S  
OUT THERE.

THEY CAN ALSO SELL DATA THAT  
THEY HAVE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS  
AND SAY HEY WE'VE GOT THESE GUYS  
TO PAY, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TARGET  
THEM AS WELL.

>> WE HAVE SEEN A COUPLE THINGS  
THERE THAT WERE INTERESTING.  
ONE OF THEM WAS NEED TO BE A  
LITTLE BIT CAREFUL SOMETIMES THE

RANSOMWARE SITES ALLOW YOU TO  
UPLOAD A FILE.

AND THE ATTACKERS WILL DECRYPT  
THAT FILE FOR YOU AS A SIGN OF  
GOOD FAITH AND A SIGN TO  
DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE THE  
ABILITY TO DECRYPT.

YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE THAT FILE.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO PAY CHOOSE  
THAT FILE CAREFULLY BECAUSE IF

IT'S A FILE THAT HAS SOME  
SENSITIVE DATA INSIDE OF IT, YOU  
HAVE NOW VOLUNTARILY SENT THIS  
FILE TO THE AWE TAXES --

ATTACKERS, YOU'VE NOW UP LOADED  
IT TO THEIR WEBSITE.

IF THAT FILE HAS DATA INSIDE OF  
IT THAT'S JUICY THEN THE

ATTACKERS LOOK AT IT AND GO OH  
WOW MAYBE WE SHOULD CHARGE THIS  
PERSON MORE OR MAYBE WE SHOULD  
ATTACK THEM AGAIN.

THE OTHER THING WE'VE SEEN IS

THAT THE ATTACKERS ARE STARTING  
TO EXFILTRATE SOME DATA AS  
THEY'RE DOING THIS ENCRYPTION.  
AND IT GETS INTO THAT FOLLOW  
ATTACK CONCEPT.

THE EXFILTRATING OF DATA SO FAR  
HAS BEEN FTP CREDENTIALS SO  
CREDENTIALS TO FTP SITES,  
CREDENTIALS TO SITES THAT MIGHT  
BE STORED IN CASH ON YOUR  
BROWSER AND BITCOIN WALLET  
CREDENTIALS.

SO WHILE YOU'RE MANAGING THIS  
WHOLE RANSOMWARE PROBLEM AND  
FIGURING OUT AND GOING THROUGH  
YOUR CPR AND YOU MENTIONED SOME  
OF THAT RESPONSE, INSTANT  
RESPONSE PLAN SHOULD BE MAKING  
SURE THAT PART OF YOUR  
CONTAINMENT EFFORTS ARE  
CONFIRMING THAT ANY OTHER  
CREDENTIALS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
ON THAT MACHINE ARE NOT BEING



MISUSED OR ATTACKED THROUGH  
ANOTHER VECTOR WHILE YOU'RE  
DEALING WITH THIS WHOLE  
ENCRYPTION PROBLEM.

>> JUST ON THE CPR ASPECT OF IT,  
PRESERVATION OF LOGS, FIREWALL  
LOGS ARE VERY CRITICAL,  
ESPECIALLY IN OUR INVESTIGATIONS  
BECAUSE IF THE RANSOMWARE IS  
INITIATED BY AN INDIVIDUAL, WE  
WANT TO SEE THE CONNECTION TO  
THE COMMAND CONTROL TO COME  
BACK.

WE ARE GOING TO SEE TRAFFIC BUT  
IF WE CAN'T SEE DE MINIMIS  
AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC WE KNOW THAT'S  
THE KEY COMING BACK IN AS  
OPPOSED TO DATA EXFILTRATED AND  
LEAVING THE ORGANIZATION.

>> SO WE HAVE OBSERVED THAT THE  
RANSOMWARE IS ACTING AS A BACK  
DOOR ALSO SO THE RANSOMWARE  
INFECTION ISN'T THE ONLY THING

GOING ON AND THE RANSOMWARE  
COULD BE DOWNLOADING ADDITIONAL  
MAL WARE.  
FOR EXAMPLE, ADDING YOUR  
INFECTED COMPUTER TO A BOTNET OR  
DOWNLOADING QUICK FRAUD MAL WEAR  
AND -- MAL WARE AND THESE SORT  
OF THINGS.  
THERE COULD BE ALSO THESE  
CREDENTIAL STEALERS AND MAL WARE.  
>> THERE ARE PUTTING OTHER  
THINGS INTO THE BACK DOOR AND  
COULD BE LAUNCHING LATENT  
ATTACKS.  
IS THERE A BEST PRACTICES FOR IF  
YOU GET THE FILES UNENCRYPTED,  
WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THAT MACHINE  
OR MACHINES THAT HAVE BEEN  
INFECTED.  
DO YOU REMOVE THOSE FILES OR  
THROW THAT COMPUTER OUT.  
HOW DO YOU ENSURE YOU WON'T BE  
HITTING IN BY SOMETHING.

>> I WOULD SAY THE, ONE OF THE  
FIRST THINGS IS TRYING TO FIGURE  
OUT HOW YOU GOT HIT IN THE FIRST  
PLACE.

BECAUSE ONE OF THE, AND I'M SURE  
ADAM AND BILLY, YOU HAVE THE  
SAME ISSUES, ONE OF THE WORST  
THINGS IS WHEN YOU GO THROUGH  
THIS PROCESS AND YOU GO THROUGH,  
YOU PAY THE RANSOM AND THEN YOU  
TELL THE F.B.I. THAT YOU DIDN'T  
PAY THE RANSOM AND YOU GET YOUR  
FILES BACK MAGICALLY AND THEN  
THAT USER GETS BACK TO THEIR  
E-MAIL AND OPENS UP THAT E-MAIL  
AND GOES OH YEAH I WAS TRYING TO  
OPEN THIS AND THEN THEY TRIED IT  
AGAIN.

AND IT'S JUST RINSE AND REPEAT.

SO IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT TO  
MAKE SURE THAT YOU SANITIZED NOT  
JUST THAT MACHINE POTENTIALLY  
BUT ALSO WHATEVER INFECTION

VECTOR THERE WAS ORIGINALLY.

>> IF THE PERSON THAT INITIATED  
IT, IF THEY CAN BE GIVEN A CLEAN  
DEVICE AND THEN HAVE THEIR  
ORIGINAL DEVICE PUT OFF TO THE  
SIDE SO WE CAN INVESTIGATE  
WHAT'S GOING ON.

IT'S PROBABLY THE BEST COURSE OF  
ACTION.

ALSO IF IT CAME IN THROUGH  
E-MAIL, HAVING THE E-MAIL  
ADMINISTRATOR PULLING THE  
PAYLOAD OUT OF THE E-MAIL THAT'S  
PRESERVING IT IS ALSO A GREAT  
IDEA IS SERGE'S POINT.

PEOPLE WILL DO THINGS THAT MAKE  
YOU SCRATCH YOUR HEAD LIKE THE  
EXAMPLE HE JUST GAVE AND YOU GO  
BACK INTO IT AND WHEN REINITIATE  
IT AGAIN.

DOING THOSE THINGS CAN KIND OF  
HELP PEOPLE OUT AND IT COMES  
DOWN TO BEHAVIORAL ASPECTS.

SOMETIMES WE FORGET AND WE DO  
THINGS AND SOMETIMES WE DO  
THINGS AND WE'RE LIKE OKAY  
WHAT'S GOING ON.

>> PAIVI MENTIONED EARLIER THE S  
SECURE HAD A 29% AVERAGE  
REDUCTION WHEN THEY NEGOTIATED  
ON THE PRICE OF THE RANSOM.

I WAS CURIOUS OF SERGE ADAM AND  
BILL, YOU'RE DEALING WITH YOUR  
CLIENTS.

HAVE YOU NEGOTIATED, AND IF SO,  
WHAT KIND OF SUCCESS HAVE YOU  
HAD GETTING YOUR REDUCTION  
RANSOM.

>> I THINK NEGOTIATION IS A  
DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD WHERE WE HAVE  
SEEN SOME EVIDENCE OF  
NEGOTIATING BEING SUCCESSFUL.

I THINK WE'VE ALREADY HAD  
ADMISSION IT CAN GO THE OTHER  
DIRECTION AS WELL.

THESE PEOPLE COMMIT EXTORTION

FOR A LIVING SO THEIR GOAL IS TO  
GET AS MUCH MONEY AS THEY CAN.

I THINK IT'S A VERY IMMATURE  
MARKET TO SOME DEGREE.

THEY DON'T QUITE KNOW WHEN  
PRACTICES WORK BEST AND WHAT IS  
MOST PROFITABLE BUT YOU CAN  
IMAGINE THERE'S ALSO SCENARIOS  
WHERE YOU UNDERSTAND THEY'RE  
TALKING TO A DESPERATE  
ORGANIZATION, HAS A LOT OF  
CRITICAL DATA AT RISK AND MORE  
APT TO PAY A HIGHER DEMAND OR  
HIGHER RANSOM.

SO I THINK THAT'S YOU KNOW KIND  
OF, THERE'S NOT REALLY GOOD  
ADVICE, I DON'T THINK, CLEAR  
ADVICE THAT CAN BE FOLLOWED IN  
EVERY CASE WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO  
ENGAGE AND POTENTIALLY PAY A  
RANSOM, BUT THE PRAGMATIST IN ME  
THINGS YOU'LL BE BETTER GOING  
THAT ROUTE.

>> THE KEY POINT IS IF YOU DO  
ENGAGE ANY SORT OF COMMUNICATION  
IN GENERAL WITH THE ATTACKERS,  
EITHER DO IT THROUGH AN  
INTERMEDIARY OR DO IT THROUGH AN  
ANONYMOUS ACCOUNT.

JUST LIKE THEY'RE NOT SENDING  
YOU E-MAILS FROM THEIR BUSINESS  
ACCOUNT.

THEY'RE CREATING ANOTHER ACCOUNT  
WHETHER IT'S GMAIL OR HOTMAIL OR  
SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO THEY STAY  
RELATIVELY ANONYMOUS.

IF YOU SEND THEM AN E-MAIL FROM  
YOUR BUSINESS ACCOUNT SAYING HEY  
CAN WE NEGOTIATE THE RANSOM ON  
THIS, THEY CAN USE GOOGLE TOO  
AND THEY PLUG IN THE BUSINESS  
NAME AND THEY GO WELL I DON'T  
KNOW, IF YOU'RE A MULTIBILLION  
DOLLAR COMPANY YOU CAN  
NEGOTIATE.

IT JUST WENT UP.

SO IF YOU CAN APPROACH THEM FROM AN INTERMEDIARY INSTEAD, THAT CAN HELP WITH SOME OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT TO SEE IF FIRST OF ALL IF THEY RECOGNIZE WHAT THEY HAVE BECAUSE IT COULD JUST TOTALLY BE A RANDOM DRIVE BY RANSOMWARE AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT IT TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK AND DON'T DO THEIR RESEARCH.

AND AT THAT POINT, SURE, IT WILL CUT YOUR RANSOM AND HEY IF YOU CAN PAY A THOUSAND DOLLARS WE'LL TAKE A THOUSAND DOLLARS.

>> I THINK IN SOME OF OUR EXPERIENCE TODAY, THERE ARE A LOT OF INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT ARE IN THE BREACH RESPONSE BUSINESS THESE DAYS AND MANY OF THESE COMPANIES ARE STARTING TO OFFER CYBER EXTORTION COVERAGE UNDER THOSE POLICIES.



IF YOU HAVE BREACH INSURANCE YOU  
MIGHT WANT TO ENGAGE YOUR  
INSURANCE PROVIDER IF THAT'S  
MADE BY YOUR ORGANIZATION TO SEE  
IF THAT'S A SERVICE COVERED BY  
THAT PROVIDER.

>> SPEAKING OF BREACH

INSURANCING SOMETHING THAT SMALL  
BUSINESSES MIGHT DO IN RESPONSE  
TO RANSOMWARE.

ARE THERE OTHER ISSUES RELATED  
TO SMALL BUSINESS RELATED TO  
RANSOMWARE LIKE REPORTING TAX  
ISSUES.

>> NOT REALLY SURE HOW YOU BOOK  
I PAID RANSOM FROM A FINANCIAL  
STANDPOINT.

BUT WE'VE RUN INTO A COUPLE  
INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

FOR BUSINESSES THAT MIGHT HAVE  
REQUESTS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT, THE SUNSHINE LAW ACT  
REQUESTS OR REQUESTS THAT MIGHT

BE HUGE TO HIPAA REQUIREMENTS,  
THERE'S ALWAYS QUESTIONS AROUND  
IF DATA'S ENCRYPTED, IF YOU  
DON'T PAY THE RANSOM, YOU CAN'T  
GET THESE FILES BACK AND YOU  
THEN GET A LEGAL REQUEST AT SOME  
LATER DATE AND SAY HEY DO YOU  
HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT X.  
ARE YOU OBLIGATED TO SAY WE  
MIGHT HAVE, BUT NOW WE CAN'T  
ACCESS IT ANYMORE SO WE CAN'T  
PRODUCE IT.  
SO IT DOES AS AN ADDITIONAL  
LAYER OF COMPLEXITY INTO THINGS  
FOR INTERESTS.  
HIPAA CERTAINLY THE CMS GUIDANCE  
IS THAT RANSOMWARE IS CONSIDERED  
A BREACH UNLESS YOU MEET THESE  
FOUR TIERS OF REQUIREMENT TO  
UVMENMALS IT WASN'T ACCESS.  
THAT'S WHERE BILL, ADAM IF YOU  
GET INTO RESPONSE OF THINGS  
THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE'RE TRYING

TO LOOK AT AND HELP ASSESS  
WHETHER OR NOT THE DATA'S BEEN  
ACCESS.

OR LIKE PAIVI WAS SAYING IF THE  
ATTACKERS PUT SOME ADDITIONAL  
MAL WARE ON THE SYSTEM YOU HAVE  
ACCESS AS WELL AS ENCRYPTION  
PROBLEM.

>> FROM A BITCOIN PERSPECTIVE  
HOW DO YOU PUT THAT ON THE  
BOOKS.

IS IT A SHORT TERM CASH ACCOUNT,  
BITCOIN FLUCTUATES JUST LIKE A  
FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTION,  
HOW DO YOU DO THE ACCOUNTING  
ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

WHOSE NAME IS GOING TO BE IN THE  
BITCOIN WALLET.

THOSE ARE THINGS YOU'RE GOING TO  
THINK ABOUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
GO DOWN THAT ROUTE.

>> I'VE GOT QUITE A FEW  
QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE HERE

INGOES BACK TO THE QUESTION WE HAD  
ABOUT WHETHER YOU SHOULD PAY.

IT SAYS IS RANSOMWARE SUCCESSFUL  
BECAUSE THE PUBLIC BELIEVES  
THEY'LL GET THE DECRYPTION KEY.

CAN RANSOMWARE BE DISRUPTED BY  
TELLING PEOPLE THAT PAYING DOES  
NOT WORK.

I GUESS THAT GETS BACK TO THE  
F.B.I.'S POSITION ON PAYMENT  
HERE AND SORT OF THE PUBLIC  
POLICY IMPACT OF TELLING PEOPLE  
EITHER TO PAY OR NOT PAY TO I  
GUESS SERGE ADAM AND BILL YOU  
DEAL WITH CLIENTS THAT FACE THIS  
DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO PAY.  
HOW OFTEN DO THEY CONSIDER THE  
QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER MAYBE  
IT'S THE BEST THING IN MY  
INDIVIDUAL CASE TO PAY BECAUSE I  
WANT MY FILES BACK.  
BUT IF IF I PAY, I'M FUNDING THIS  
OPERATION AND PERPETUATING

RANSOM.

>> IN THE REMEDIATION SIDE OF THE HOUSE, HOW VALUABLE IS THE DATA AND DO WE HAVE THE PROPER MECHANISMS TO RESTORE THAT DATA.

SO, LET'S PRETEND WE CAN'T RESTORE THE DATA.

HOW VALUABLE IS IT TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AND I THINK YOU PUT IN A BUSINESS CONTEXT IF IT'S VALUABLE WE CANNOT CONTINUE THE OPERATION.

ADAM FOR EXAMPLE LIKE WITH THE VIDEO FILE, VERY VALUABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION, THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY BACK UPS AND IN THAT CASE THE BUSINESS HAS TO DECIDE DO WE PAY 700, \$800,000 TO GET OUR DATA BACK AND THE ANSWER WOULD BE YES, YOU NEED TO PAY.

BUT THEN AFTER WE PAY, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE GOT OUR HOUSE BACK IN ORDER IN THESE BUSINESS

CONTINUITY PLANS AND EVERYTHING  
ELSE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION TO  
NOW ADDRESS THIS THREAT.

>> ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT YOU  
TRY TO SEE PEOPLE AND SAY IT  
WON'T WORK.

THE ATTACKERS HAVE THE PERFECT  
SOLUTION TO THAT IS THAT THEY'RE  
HAPPY TO SHOW YOU IT WORKS.

YOU HAVE A WEBSITE, YOU CAN  
UPLOAD A FILE TO IT AND YOU CAN  
DECRYPT IT.

INSTEAD OF SAYING NO, NO IT  
WON'T WORK.

THE ATTACKERS CAN DELETE AND GET  
AROUND THAT AND MORE TO THE  
POINT OF IF YOU GET STUCK ONCE,  
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T CLICK ON THE  
E-MAIL AGAIN.

>> SOME OF THESE GUYS ACTUALLY  
HAVE CUSTOMER SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVES TO HELP YOU OUT.  
AGAIN, IT'S A BUSINESS TO THEM

AND IT'S VERY SUCCESSFUL AND  
MAKING A LOT OF MONEY DOING IT.

>> IT IS, IT'S SOMETHING ELSE,  
ANOTHER REASON TO ENGAGE WITH  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TOO.

WE DEALT WITH A FEW OF THESE  
WHERE THE WEBSITE THE PERSON  
WENT TO WAS THEN LED TO THE MAL  
WARE WAS A PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE  
BUSINESS SITE THEY HAD TO GO TO  
AS PART OF THEIR NORMAL BUSINESS  
OPERATION.

SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU COULD TELL  
THAT PERSON DON'T GO TO THIS  
MEDICAL SITE ANYMORE.

BECAUSE IT WAS THEIR JOB TO GO  
TO THE MEDICAL SITE AND PULL THE  
DATA OFF THAT SITE AND GO  
SOMEWHERE ELSE.

IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TURN THAT  
INFECTION ABOUT THAT INFORMATION  
VECTOR OVER TO THE FBI SO THEY  
COULD CALL THAT HOSTING COMPANY

AT THE END OF THE DAY AND SAY  
HEY YOU GUYS HAVE A PROBLEM WITH  
YOUR WEBSITE, ADDRESS IT.

AND MAKE SURE THAT OTHER PEOPLE  
DON'T GET VICTIMIZED BY IT.

IT'S JUST ONE MORE REASON.

>> THIS QUESTION WILL BE  
DIRECTED TO THE F.B.I.

HOW FREQUENTLY -- IS THIS A GOOD  
DEED FOR INDIVIDUALS -- WELL I  
GUESS LET'S WALK IT BACK TO THE  
FIRST QUESTION.

HOW FREQUENTLY DOES THE FBI  
RESPOND IN INDIVIDUALS'  
COMPLAINTS.

DOES THE FBI WORK ON THIS DAY TO  
DAY, IS THIS JUST THEY'LL  
CONTACT YOU, YOU'LL LOG IN THE  
COMPLAINT AND THE FBI WILL USE  
IT FOR ITS DATA GATHERING  
PURPOSES IN ITS INVESTIGATION.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE FBI  
RESPONDS TO THESE INCIDENT



REPORTS.

>> I LIVE AND BREATHE RANSOMWARE

EVERY SINGLE DAY.

WE ARE FEELING SOME KIND OF

RANSOMWARE COMPLAINTS LITERALLY

EVERY SINGLE DAY THROUGH OUR 56

FIELD OFFICES.

AND THOSE ARE USUALLY EITHER

COLD CALLS OR BASED UPON

CONTACTS, RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE

PREEXISTING WITH THE LOCAL FBI

AND ON TOP OF THAT WE HAVE OUR

IC3 PORTAL.

SO WHEN YOU MAKE THAT PHONE CALL

I CAN'T PROMISE YOU'RE GOING TO

HAVE AGENTS SHOW UP AT YOUR DOOR

OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BUT

DEPENDING ON YOUR SITUATION IF

YOU'RE JUST DOING A PHONE CALL

TO RECALL I'M JUST A VICTIM OF

RANSOMWARE HERE'S MY INFORMATION

AND WE SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND MAYBE PART OF THE SECOND

QUESTION IS, I HOPE THEY FEEL  
GOOD, A GOOD DEED AT THE END OF  
THE DAY BECAUSE YOU'RE  
FURTHERING THE CAUSE IF IT'S AN  
ONGOING INCIDENT AND THE  
RESPONSE TEAM CAN QUITE POSSIBLY  
PLUG INTO THE IR TEAM OR AT  
LEAST GATHER INFORMATION IN THAT  
ACTIVE SCENARIO.

SO EACH SCENARIO IS GOING TO BE  
VERY DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE  
RANSOMWARE INCIDENT AND  
COMPLAINTS.

>> I CAN ADD SOMETHING TO THAT TOO.

IN MY PRIOR LIFE I WAS A  
COLLEAGUE OF WILL'S AND THE  
INFORMATION THAT VICTIM PROVIDE  
IS CRITICAL TO BUILDING THAT  
CASE IN PROSECUTORIAL PHASE OF  
AN INVESTIGATION.

SO WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO FIND  
THOSE PEOPLE AND GIVE THOSE  
IMPACTFUL STORIES ABOUT WHAT

RANSOMWARE DID THEM, THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOMEONE BEING ARRESTED SERVING A YEAR IN JAIL OR 20 YEARS IN JAIL SO THAT'S ANOTHER WAY THOSE STORIES REALLY COME IN AND DEFINE THE IMPACT TO THE PUBLIC.

>> YOUR PREPAREDNESS CAN REALLY CHANGE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BECOME A VICTIM AND I THINK BILL TOUCHED ON THE RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING AND TO END IT TOO, THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE TALKING TO THE F.B.I. IS WHEN YOU FIRST GOT HIT AND THE FIRST TIME YOU REACH OUT TO YOUR COMPANY OR VENDOR IT'S AFTER A RANSOMWARE EVENT, THEN WHAT HAPPENS IS A LOT BIGGER THAN IF THAT'S BEEN AN ONGOING DIALOGUE IF YOU ENGAGE WITH THE FBI OR LAW ENFORCEMENT BEFOREHAND, YOU HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR AV

VENDORS AND FORENSIC VENDORS AND  
YOU'RE ABLE TO BUILD ON THOSE  
RELATIONSHIPS AND IT'S A LOT  
EASIER THAN WHAT HAPPENS IS MORE  
OF A NON-EVENT IF IT'S THE FIRST  
TIME YOU'RE TRYING TO GO THROUGH  
THIS.

>> THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR  
COMING, REALLY APPRECIATE ALL  
YOUR TIME AND EFFORT AND ALL THE  
INFORMATION YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
PASS ALONG.

I ALSO WANT TO KNOW TECHNOLOGY  
SERIES THE NEXT WORK SHOP IS ON  
OCTOBER 13 AT 1:00 ON DRONES AND  
THE LAST ONE IS DECEMBER 7TH,  
ALSO AT 1:00 AND THAT'S ON SMART  
TV.

SO I HOPE EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT  
TO THOSE AS WELL.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR COMING,  
WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND HAVE  
A SAFE TRIP HOME.